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HB 616 Engrossed

2016 Regular Session

Henry

**Abstract:** Appropriates funds for FY 2016-2017 for expenses of the La. Judiciary, including the supreme court, courts of appeal, district courts, Criminal Court of Orleans Parish, juvenile and family courts, and other courts.

Appropriates funds for FY 2016-2017 for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government with total funding of \$163,655,352 from the following sources: \$143,855,017 out of the State General Fund (Direct); \$9,392,850 through interagency transfers from the Dept. of Children and Family Services; and, \$10,407,485 from statutory dedications out of the Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund and the Trial Court Case Management Fund.

Funding for the ordinary operating expenses of the judicial branch of government is provided as follows:

(1)	Louisiana Supreme Court	\$ 86,189,975
(2)	Courts of Appeal	46,589,096
(3)	District Courts	38,772,692
(4)	Criminal Court, Parish of Orleans	6,601,440
(5)	Juvenile and Family Courts	2,609,428
(6)	Other Courts (Required by Statute)	3,132,026
(7)	Other Courts (Not Required by Statute)	748,082
(8)	Non-Judicial State Expenses	<u>2,070,853</u>
	TOTAL	<u>\$186,713,592</u>

Provides that the appropriations out of the State General Fund (Direct) contained in this Act shall be reduced by a total amount of \$23,058,240 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court. Prohibits such adopted plan from impacting the funding for legal representation of children in child protection cases.

Effective July 1, 2016.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Appropriations to the original bill:

1. Provide for a change in means of financing to decrease State General Fund (Direct) and increase Interagency Transfers from the Dept. of Children and Family Services by \$9,392,850 for drug court maintenance and enhancement and Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA).
2. Add requirement that appropriations contained in this Act be reduced by a total amount of \$23,058,240 pursuant to a plan adopted by the Judicial Budgetary Control Board or as approved by the La. Supreme Court.