

**Judicial Branch
Budget No. 180
House Bill No. 1002**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2019-21 legislative appropriation	363.00	\$107,503,043 ¹	\$3,112,297	\$110,615,340
2017-19 legislative appropriation	<u>355.50</u>	<u>102,257,770</u>	<u>3,321,839</u>	<u>105,579,609</u>
2019-21 appropriation increase (decrease) to 2017-19 appropriation	7.50	\$5,245,273	(\$209,542)	\$5,035,731

¹This amount includes \$147,352 of one-time funding. Excluding this amount, the agency's ongoing general fund appropriation is \$107,355,691.

Item Description

One-time funding - In Section 2 of House Bill No. 1002, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$1,117,352 of one-time funding, including \$82,500 from the general fund for copy machines, \$64,852 from the general fund for district court audio and video equipment, and \$970,000 from the Capitol building fund to remodel the Supreme Court Law Library.

FTE changes - The 2019-21 biennium appropriation includes funding for 363 FTE positions, an increase of 7.5 FTE positions from the 2017-19 biennium authorized level of 355.5 FTE positions. The Legislative Assembly added 2 FTE deputy clerks of court, 2 FTE law clerks, 1 FTE court recorder, 1 FTE district court judge, 1 FTE court reporter, and 0.5 FTE Judicial Conduct Commission paralegal.

Judicial branch study of court reporters - In Section 18 of House Bill No. 1002, the Legislative Assembly provided for the judicial branch to study the need for one court reporter for each district court judge and to report its findings to the Budget Section.

Status/Result

As of March 31, 2020, the judicial branch has not purchased any copy machines or sound and video equipment. The judicial branch intends to purchase the equipment based on need and availability of funding.

The judicial branch has expended \$57,743 to remodel the Supreme Court Law Library, primarily for architectural fees. The judicial branch anticipates beginning construction on the project in June 2020.

The judicial branch filled the 7.5 new FTE positions, including the new judgeship in the South Central Judicial District, by September 2019.

The judicial branch is conducting the study and intends to report the results of the study to the Budget Section by December 2020.