

**Judicial branch
Budget No. 180
Senate Bill No. 2002, House Bill No. 1015**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
2021-23 legislative appropriations	362.00	\$112,312,790	\$1,417,063	\$113,729,853
2021-23 base budget	363.00	107,355,691	2,142,297	109,497,988
Legislative increase (decrease) to base budget	(1.00)	\$4,957,099	(\$725,234)	\$4,231,865

ONGOING AND ONE-TIME GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	Ongoing General Fund Appropriation	One-Time General Fund Appropriation	Total General Fund Appropriation
2021-23 legislative appropriations	\$110,312,790	\$2,000,000	\$112,312,790
2019-21 legislative appropriations	107,355,691	147,352	107,503,043
2021-23 legislative increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations	\$2,957,099	\$1,852,648	\$4,809,747
Percentage increase (decrease) to 2019-21 appropriations	2.8%	1,257.3%	4.5%

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO THE BASE BUDGET AND MAJOR FUNDING ITEMS
Changes to Base Budget**

	FTE Positions	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
The legislative action:				
Adjusted funding for base payroll changes		\$1,806,707	(\$10,933)	\$1,795,774
Added funding to provide employee salary increases of 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, with a minimum monthly increase of \$100 and 2.0 percent on July 1, 2022		2,004,676		2,004,676
Added funding for employee health insurance premiums to reflect a revised premium estimate of \$1,428.77 per month		17,929	1	17,930
Transferred child support duties to the Department of Human Services	(1.00)	(225,000)	(934,947)	(1,159,947)
Reduced funding for district court judges' retirement		(143,086)		(143,086)
Adjusted funding for Supreme Court operations		(503,346)		(503,346)
Adjusted funding for district court operations		(490,532)	63,367	(427,165)
Adjusted funding for Judicial Conduct Commission operations		(2,504)	(322)	(2,826)
Reduced funding for juvenile intensive in-home services		(200,000)		(200,000)

Added funding to lease information technology equipment		912,008		912,008
Added funding for a veterans' treatment court (House Bill No. 1015)		145,247		145,247
Reduced funding for youth cultural achievement programs to provide a total of \$90,000 from the general fund (includes \$90,000 appropriated in House Bill No. 1015)		(365,000)		(365,000)
Added one-time funding for a new juvenile case management system		2,000,000		2,000,000
Added one-time funding from federal funds derived from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for information technology equipment (House Bill No. 1015)			157,600	157,600
Total	(1.00)	\$4,957,099	(\$725,234)	\$4,231,865

FTE Changes

The Legislative Assembly approved 362 FTE positions for the judicial branch for the 2021-23 biennium, a reduction of 1 FTE position from the number appropriated for the 2019-21 biennium. The Legislative Assembly removed 1 FTE position associated with the transfer of certain child support duties to the Department of Human Services.

One-Time Funding

The Legislative Assembly appropriated \$2,157,600 of one-time funding to the judicial branch for the 2021-23 biennium, including \$2,000,000 from the general fund for a juvenile case management system and \$157,600 from federal funds derived from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for information technology equipment.

Federal COVID-19 Funding - 2019-21 Biennium

In House Bill No. 1395, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$672,212 of federal coronavirus relief funds to the judicial branch for the 2019-21 biennium for remote video and telework equipment, cleaning and personal protective equipment and supplies, and salary costs.

Federal COVID-19 Funding - 2021-23 Biennium

In House Bill No. 1015, the Legislative Assembly appropriated \$157,600 from one-time federal funds derived from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund for information technology equipment, including Wi-Fi access points.

Other Sections in Senate Bill No. 2002

Appropriation - Section 3 appropriates all funds received pursuant to federal acts and private gifts, grants, and donations to the judicial branch for the purpose as designated in the federal acts or private gifts, grants, and donations, for the 2021-23 biennium.

Line item transfers - Section 4 requires the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to transfer appropriation authority between line items for the judicial branch as requested by the Supreme Court.

Child support duties - Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 provide statutory changes to transfer certain child support duties from the judicial branch to the Department of Human Services.

Supreme Court justices' salaries - Section 10 provides the statutory changes to increase Supreme Court justices' salaries by 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, and 2.0 percent on July 1, 2022. Supreme Court justices' annual salaries will increase from the current level of \$163,394 to \$165,845 effective July 1, 2021, and to \$169,162 effective July 1, 2022. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is entitled to receive an additional \$4,690 per annum effective July 1, 2021, and an additional \$4,784 per annum effective July 1, 2022, an increase from the current additional amount for the Chief Justice of \$4,624 per annum.

District judges' salaries - Section 11 provides the statutory changes to increase district court judges' salaries by 1.5 percent on July 1, 2021, and 2.0 percent on July 1, 2022. District court judges' annual salaries will increase from the current level of \$149,926 to \$152,175 effective July 1, 2021, and to \$155,219 effective July 1, 2022. A presiding judge of a judicial district is entitled to receive an additional \$4,324 per annum effective July 1, 2021, and an additional \$4,410 per annum effective July 1, 2022, an increase from the current additional amount for presiding judges of \$4,260 per annum.

Children's advocacy centers - Section 13 amends North Dakota Century Code Section 50-25.1-11.1, as amended in Section 2 of Senate Bill No. 2131 (2021), relating to criminal history record checks for employees of children's advocacy centers.

Legislative intent - Section 14 provides legislative intent that the judicial branch pursue the use of federal funds from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to defray the cost of certain information technology projects.

Related Legislation

House Bill No. 1395 - Provides a 2019-21 biennium appropriation of \$672,212 from the federal Coronavirus Relief Fund to the judicial branch for remote video and telework equipment, cleaning and personal protective equipment and supplies, and salary costs.

House Bill No. 1427 - Provides for duties of the Commission on Juvenile Justice and the Children's Cabinet and creates a Juvenile Justice Planning Committee, a Planning Committee for Children in Need of Services, and a Planning Committee for Alternatives to Juvenile Detention.

Senate Bill No. 2246 - Amends law to provide for a drug court program and a veterans treatment docket.