

Legislature and Judiciary – A.9001

Legislature: \$219.9 million for the Legislature to reflect the seventh straight year of zero growth.

Judiciary: \$2.1 billion for the Judiciary, \$48.3 million more than last year. This represents a 2.3% increase in spending. Notable items include:

- Civil Legal Services: \$85 million to continue the increased commitment of the Judiciary to providing Civil Legal Services statewide, \$15 million more than last year;
- Collectively-Bargained (Salary) increases: \$31.1 million in additional funds for certain union employees of the Court system, including 2% salary increments and longevity bonuses.

Interest on Lawyer Account: \$15 million to provide legal services to the underserved/indigent, unchanged from the previous year.

General State Charges: (Non-Salary) Benefits: \$730 million for General State charges, \$34 million more than last year. This pays for fringe benefits of employees of the court system, including all statutorily-required and collectively bargained benefits.