## Department of Planning and Budget 2025 General Assembly Session State Fiscal Impact Statement

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**Bill Number:** HB2729 S1 **Patron:** Hope

**Bill Title:** Maximum number of authorized judges in each judicial district.

**Bill Summary:** Increases by one the maximum number of general district court judges in the Ninth and Thirty-first Judicial Districts. The bill also increases by one the maximum number of juvenile and domestic relations district court judges in the Second Judicial District.

**Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes **Items Impacted:** Item 34 and Item 35

**Explanation:** See below

**Fiscal Summary:** This bill would require additional funding and three positions to cover two additional general district court judgeships and one additional juvenile and domestic relations district court judgeship.

## **General Fund Expenditure Impact:**

<u>Agency</u>	FY2025	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	<u>FY2028</u>	FY2029	FY2030
General District		\$624,404	\$617,804	\$617,804	\$617,804	\$617,804
Courts						
Juvenile and						
Domestic		\$312,202	\$308,902	\$308,902	\$308,902	\$308,902
Relations						
<b>District Courts</b>						
TOTAL		\$936,606	\$926,706	\$926,706	\$926,706	\$926,706

## **Position Impact:**

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2025</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030
General District		2	2	2	2	2
Courts						
Juvenile and						
Domestic		1	1	1	1	1
Relations		1	1	1	1	1
District Courts						
TOTAL		3	3	3	3	3

**Fiscal Analysis:** According to the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court (OES), the estimated cost for each district court judgeship in the first year is \$312,202, which includes \$294,307 to cover salary and benefit costs, \$14,595 for a substitute judge, and \$3,300 in one-time expenses to equip chambers. The

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estimated cost for every subsequent year is \$308,902, which includes \$294,307 to cover salary and benefit costs for an additional judge and \$14,595 for a substitute judge.

Other: None