

BPEADL01 LAS/PBS SYSTEM
BUDGET PERIOD: 2006-2017
STATE OF FLORIDA

SCHEDULE VIIIC
PRIORITY LISTING FOR POSSIBLE
REPRIORITIZATION FOR REQUEST YEAR

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ERROR REPORT

BUDGET ENTITY	D3A ISSUE CODE	COLUMN NUMBERS	CODE	ERROR MESSAGE	PAGE
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THERE WERE 0 ERRORS DETECTED

	COL A23 SCH VIIIC REPRIORTIZN POS	COL A24 SCH VIIIC N/R 2016-17 POS	COL A25 SCH VIIIC ANZ 2016-17 POS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	CODES
MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF							72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS							72970000
<u>PRG: ADJUDICATION/DISPUTES</u>							72970100
PUBLIC PROTECTION							12
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</u>							<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS							3D00000
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE							
REDUCTION - DEDUCT							3D09800
SALARY RATE							000000
SALARY RATE.....	124,820-						
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SALARIES AND BENEFIT							010000
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE	1.00-						
		167,308-					2510 1
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EXPENSES							040000
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE							
		6,175-					2510 1
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TOTAL: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE							3D09800
REDUCTION - DEDUCT							
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	1.00-						
TOTAL ISSUE.....		173,483-					
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	124,820-						
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCHED VIIIC REPRIORTIZN NARRATIVE:
 PRIORITY #1

IT COMPONENT? NO

This issue proposes to delete one deputy chief judge from the Division and utilize the funds to enhance the compensation of the remaining administrative law judges. Currently, the administrative law judges earn approximately \$16,000 less per year than county court judges, the first level of the Article V judiciary. Unlike county court judges, however, administrative law judges are required to issue detailed orders containing findings of fact and conclusions of law in most of their contested hearings. There are no jury trials in administrative law cases.

While the number of incoming cases has remained relatively constant for many years, the Division has improved its efficiency in handling its workload. Through the use of video teleconferencing, the time an administrative law judge spends traveling has been reduced. In addition, the chief judge has assumed a greater case load. For these reasons the Division could handle its cases without the deputy chief judge position.

If the Legislature deemed such a reduction would be in the best interest of the state, approximately \$173,483 in annual savings would be realized by deleting the deputy chief judge position which will become vacant on April 30, 2016. These funds would be redirected within the Division in order to attract and retain quality and experienced judges. With the resulting annual increase of about four percent, the administrative law judges would still earn about eight percent less

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SCH VIIIIC	REPRIORTIZN	SCH VIIIIC	N/R 2016-17	SCH VIIIIC	ANZ 2016-17	
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						72970000
						72970100
						12
						<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
						3D00000
						3D09800

MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF
 ADMIN HEARINGS
PRG: ADJUDICATION/DISPUTES
 PUBLIC PROTECTION
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
 FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS
 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
 REDUCTION - DEDUCT

than county court judges. This issue, when combined with issue 3D09900, nets to zero. The State of Florida has the authority to implement this reprioritization issue, and the issue is an allowable use of the Division's Operating Trust Fund. The Division requests:

Salaries and Benefits (1 FTE):
 (\$167,308) 1 deputy chief judge

 (\$167,308) Total Salaries and Benefits

Expenses:
 (\$ 6,175) 1 Expense Package

(6,175) Total Expenses

 (\$173,483) Total Issue
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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A23 - SCH VIIIIC REPRIORTIZN							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
0800 DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE-DOAH							
02752 001	1.00-	124,820-		42,488-	167,308-	0.00	167,308-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2510 OPERATING TRUST FUND							167,308-
	1.00-	124,820-		42,488-	167,308-		167,308-

	COL A23 SCH VIIIC REPRIORTIZN POS	COL A24 SCH VIIIC N/R 2016-17 POS	COL A25 SCH VIIIC ANZ 2016-17 POS	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	CODES
MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF							72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS							72970000
<u>PRG: ADJUDICATION/DISPUTES</u>							72970100
PUBLIC PROTECTION							12
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</u>							<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS							3D00000
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE							
REDUCTION - ADD BACK							3D09900
SALARY RATE							000000
SALARY RATE.....	157,622						
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SALARIES AND BENEFIT							010000
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE		173,483					2510 1
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TOTAL: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE							3D09900
REDUCTION - ADD BACK							
TOTAL ISSUE.....		173,483					
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	157,622						
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Salaries and Benefits:
 \$173,483 Enhanced compensation

COL A23	COL A24	COL A25	
SCH VIIIC	SCH VIIIC	SCH VIIIC	
REPRIORTIZN	N/R 2016-17	ANZ 2016-17	
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	CODES
MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF	72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS	72970000
<u>PRG: ADJUDICATION/DISPUTES</u>	72970100
PUBLIC PROTECTION	12
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE LAW</u>	<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS	3D00000
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE	
REDUCTION - ADD BACK	3D09900

 \$173,483 Total issue
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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A23 - SCH VIIIC REPRIORTIZN							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
RA06 RATE ADJ - NO FTE - NO SALARY - NO BENEFITS							
C2000 001		157,622					
TOTAL SALARY RATE		157,622					

OTHER SALARY AMOUNT							
2510 OPERATING TRUST FUND							173,483

							173,483
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TOTAL: ADMINISTRATIVE LAW							<u>1210.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
SALARY RATE.....	1.00-	32,802					
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MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF							72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS							72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>							72970200
<u>ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES</u>							11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>							<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS							3D00000
OFFICE CONSOLIDATION - PORT ST.							
LUCIE DISTRICT - DEDUCT							3D09200
SALARY RATE							000000
SALARY RATE.....	284,393-						
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SALARIES AND BENEFIT							010000
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE	5.00-						
	394,590-						2510 1
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EXPENSES							040000
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE							
	105,281-						2510 1
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SPECIAL CATEGORIES							100000
CONTRACTED SERVICES							100777
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE							
	40,414-						2510 1
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TOTAL: OFFICE CONSOLIDATION - PORT ST.							3D09200
LUCIE DISTRICT - DEDUCT							
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	5.00-						
TOTAL ISSUE.....	540,285-						
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	284,393-						
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:
 SCHED VIIIC REPRIORTIZN NARRATIVE: IT COMPONENT? NO
 PRIORITY #3

The number of petitions filed with the Office of the Judges of Compensation Claims (OJCC) has decreased by 60% since 2003. At the time when incoming petitions were more than 150,000 annually, the OJCC struggled to handle the workload in a timely manner. Since then, our efficiency in moving cases to mediation and final resolution has improved and we are able to meet our statutory requirements. This reduction in caseload also means it may not be the best use of state funds to maintain seventeen separate district offices.

This issue proposes to amend s. 440.44(5) to remove the requirement that the district offices and staffing remain as they existed on June 30, 2001, and close the district office located in Port St. Lucie. If the Division and the Legislature deem such reduction in the best interests of the State, approximately \$540,285 in annual savings will be realized due to

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						72000000
						72970000
						72970200
						11
						<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
						3D00000
						3D09200

MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF
 ADMIN HEARINGS
PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES
 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
WORKFORCE SERVICES
 FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS
 OFFICE CONSOLIDATION - PORT ST.
 LUCIE DISTRICT - DEDUCT

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1102.00.00.00
 3D00000
 3D09200

decrease office space, security guards and staff. The closing of this office will result in the parties and their counsels who reside in that area traveling to the nearest office (Sebastian or West Palm Beach) to have their cases heard. Additional savings could be realized if more district offices were combined but, in the interest of ensuring claimants seeking compensation have their cases heard in a location in reasonably close proximity to where the work-related accident occurred, closing other offices is not suggested at this time.

These funds would be better utilized within the Division to enhance compensation of our personnel in order to attract and retain quality and experienced staff. Currently the judges are paid about 10% less than county court judges, while performing duties that are more akin to those of circuit and appellate court judges. Our deputy clerk positions are paid about 20% less than similar positions in the State Court System. This issue, when combined with issue 3D09300, nets to zero. The State of Florida has the authority to implement this reprioritization issue and the issue is an allowable use of the Division's Operating Trust Fund. Section 440.44(5) will need to be amended to read: The department, the agency, and the Deputy Chief Judge shall maintain and keep open during reasonable business hours an office, which shall be provided in the Capitol or some other suitable building in the City of Tallahassee, for the transaction of business under this chapter, at which office the official records and papers shall be kept. The office shall be furnished and equipped. The department, the agency, any judge of compensation claims, or the Deputy Chief Judge may hold sessions and conduct hearings at any place within the state. The Division requests:

Salaries and Benefits (5 FTE):
 (\$166,645) Judge of Compensation Claims
 (105,656) Mediator
 (53,124) Commission deputy clerk II
 (41,699) Deputy clerk
 (27,466) Administrative secretary

 (\$394,590) Total Salaries and Benefits

Expense:
 (\$ 91,595) Office space lease
 (13,686) Miscellaneous

 (\$105,281) Total Expenses

Contracted Services:
 (\$ 40,414) Security guard services

 (\$ 40,414) Total Contracted Services

COL A23		COL A24		COL A25		CODES
SCH VIIIC		SCH VIIIC		SCH VIIIC		
REPRIORTIZN	N/R 2016-17	ANZ 2016-17	ANZ 2016-17	ANZ 2016-17	ANZ 2016-17	
POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	

MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF						72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS						72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>						72970200
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES						11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>						<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS						3D00000
OFFICE CONSOLIDATION - PORT ST.						
LUCIE DISTRICT - DEDUCT						3D09200

(\$540,285) Total Issue

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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A23 - SCH VIIIC REPRIORTIZN							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
0108 ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY							
03582 001	1.00-	23,854-		3,612-	27,466-	0.00	27,466-
7686 DEPUTY CLERK							
03585 001	1.00-	28,779-		12,920-	41,699-	0.00	41,699-
9675 JUDGE OF COMPENSATION CLAIMS							
03583 001	1.00-	123,564-		43,081-	166,645-	0.00	166,645-
7689 COMMISSION DEPUTY CLERK II - SES							
03581 001	1.00-	31,248-		21,876-	53,124-	0.00	53,124-
7738 SENIOR ATTORNEY							
03584 001	1.00-	76,948-		28,708-	105,656-	0.00	105,656-

TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2510 OPERATING TRUST FUND							394,590-
	5.00-	284,393-		110,197-	394,590-		394,590-
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ADMIN HEARINGS							72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>							72970200
<u>ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES</u>							11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>							<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS							3D00000
OFFICE CONSOLIDATION - PORT ST.							
LUCIE DISTRICT - ADD BACK							3D09300
SALARY RATE							000000
SALARY RATE.....	457,370						
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SALARIES AND BENEFIT							010000
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE				540,285			2510 1
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TOTAL: OFFICE CONSOLIDATION - PORT ST.							3D09300
LUCIE DISTRICT - ADD BACK							
TOTAL ISSUE.....	540,285						
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	457,370						
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCHED VIIIC REPRIORTIZN NARRATIVE:

IT COMPONENT? NO

PRIORITY #3

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This issue proposes to amend s. 440.44(5) to remove the requirement that the district offices and staffing remain as they existed on June 30, 2001, and close the district office located in Port St. Lucie. If the Division and the Legislature deem such reduction in the best interests of the State, approximately \$540,285 in annual savings will be realized due to decrease office space, security guards and staff. The closing of this office will result in the parties and their counsels who reside in that area traveling to the nearest office (Sebastian or West Palm Beach) to have their cases heard. Additional savings could be realized if more district offices were combined but, in the interest of ensuring claimants seeking compensation have their cases heard in a location in reasonably close proximity to where the work-related accident occurred, closing other offices is not suggested at this time.

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MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF						72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS						72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>						72970200
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES						11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>						<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS						3D00000
OFFICE CONSOLIDATION - PORT ST.						
LUCIE DISTRICT - ADD BACK						3D09300

and the Deputy Chief Judge shall maintain and keep open during reasonable business hours an office, which shall be provided in the Capitol or some other suitable building in the City of Tallahassee, for the transaction of business under this chapter, at which office the official records and papers shall be kept. The office shall be furnished and equipped. The department, the agency, any judge of compensation claims, or the Deputy Chief Judge may hold sessions and conduct hearings at any place within the state. The Division requests:

Salaries and Benefits:
 \$540,285 Enhanced compensation

 \$540,285 Total issue
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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A23 - SCH VIIIC REPRIORTIZN							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
RA06 RATE ADJ - NO FTE - NO SALARY - NO BENEFITS							
C3000 001		457,370					
TOTAL SALARY RATE		457,370					
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT							
2510 OPERATING TRUST FUND							540,285
							540,285
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MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF							72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS							72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>							72970200
<u>ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES</u>							11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>							<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS							3D00000
STAFF REDUCTION - DEDUCT							3D09400
SALARY RATE							000000
SALARY RATE.....	276,724-						
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SALARIES AND BENEFIT							010000
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE	5.00-			391,088-			2510 1
=====							
EXPENSES							040000
OPERATING TRUST FUND -STATE				28,759-			2510 1
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TOTAL: STAFF REDUCTION - DEDUCT							3D09400
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	5.00-						
TOTAL ISSUE.....				419,847-			
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	276,724-						
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCHED VIIIC REPRIORTIZN NARRATIVE:
 PRIORITY #2

IT COMPONENT? NO

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This issue proposes to amend s. 440.44(5) to remove the requirement that the district offices and staffing remain as they existed on June 30, 2001, and reduce the number of judges of compensation claims and staff. If the Division and the Legislature deem such a reduction to be in the best interests of the State, approximately \$419,847 in annual savings would be realized by deleting one judge of compensation claims, one mediator, one commission deputy clerk II, one deputy clerk, and one administrative secretary from the Ft. Myers office.

These funds would be better utilized within the Division to enhance compensation of our personnel in order to attract and retain quality and experienced staff. Currently the judges are paid about 10% less than county court judges, while performing duties that are more akin to those of circuit and appellate court judges. Our deputy clerk positions are paid about 20% less than similar positions in the State Court System. This issue, when combined with issue 3D09500, nets to zero. The State of Florida has the authority to implement this reprioritization issue and the issue is an allowable use

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						72000000
						72970000
						72970200
						11
						<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
						3D00000
						3D09400

MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF
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PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES
 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
WORKFORCE SERVICES
 FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS
 STAFF REDUCTION - DEDUCT

of the Division's Operating Trust Fund.

Section 440.44(5) will need to be amended to read: The department, the agency, and the Deputy Chief Judge shall maintain and keep open during reasonable business hours an office, which shall be provided in the Capitol or some other suitable building in the City of Tallahassee, for the transaction of business under this chapter, at which office the official records and papers shall be kept. The office shall be furnished and equipped. The department, the agency, any judge of compensation claims, or the Deputy Chief Judge may hold sessions and conduct hearings at any place within the state. The Division requests:

Salaries and Benefits (5 FTE)
 (\$166,336) One judge of compensation claims
 (105,656) One mediator
 (48,101) One commission deputy clerk II
 (36,431) One deputy clerk
 (34,564) One administrative secretary

 (\$391,088) Total Salaries and Benefits

Expenses:
 (\$ 28,759) Expense packages

 (\$ 28,759) Total Expenses

(\$419,847) Total Issue
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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
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A23 - SCH VIIIC REPRIORTIZN

CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS

0108 ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY						
03430 001	1.00-	23,854-	10,710-	34,564-	0.00	34,564-
7686 DEPUTY CLERK						
03449 001	1.00-	25,479-	10,952-	36,431-	0.00	36,431-

COL A23		COL A24		COL A25		CODES
SCH VIIIC		SCH VIIIC		SCH VIIIC		
REPRIORTIZN	AMOUNT	N/R 2016-17	AMOUNT	ANZ 2016-17	AMOUNT	
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ADMIN HEARINGS						72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>						72970200
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES						11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>						<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS						3D00000
STAFF REDUCTION - ADD BACK						3D09500

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SCHED VIIIC REPRIORTIZN NARRATIVE:
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Salaries and Benefits:
 \$419,847 Enhanced compensation

 \$419,847 Total Issue
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MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF							72000000
ADMIN HEARINGS							72970000
<u>PRG: WORKER COMP/JUDGES</u>							72970200
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES							11
<u>WORKFORCE SERVICES</u>							<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
FUNDING REPRIORITIZATIONS							3D00000
STAFF REDUCTION - ADD BACK							3D09500

POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A23 - SCH VIIIIC REPRIORTIZN							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
RA06 RATE ADJ - NO FTE - NO SALARY - NO BENEFITS							
C1000 001		336,787					
TOTAL SALARY RATE		336,787					
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT							
2510 OPERATING TRUST FUND							419,847
							419,847

TOTAL: WORKFORCE SERVICES							<u>1102.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
SALARY RATE.....	10.00-	233,040					
TOTAL: MANAGEMENT SRVCS, DEPT OF							72000000
BY FUND TYPE							
SALARY RATE.....	11.00-	265,842					
