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STATE COURT SYSTEM							22000000
PGM: SUPREME COURT							22010000
COURT OPER/SUPREME COURT							22010100
STATE COURTS							15
STATE COURT SYSTEM							1501.00.00.00
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS							3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS							3304010
SALARIES AND BENEFITS							010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	288,192-	288,192-					1000 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	136,876-	136,876-					2057 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	425,068-	425,068-					
EXPENSES							040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	220,201-	220,201-					1000 1
SPECIAL CATEGORIES							100000
SALARY INCENTIVE PAYMENTS							103290
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	50,000-	50,000-					1000 1
TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS							3304010
TOTAL ISSUE.....	695,269-	695,269-					

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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCH VIIIIB-1 NARRATIVE:

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FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A91 - SCH VIIIIB-1 REDUC 20-21						
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS						
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT						
	1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND					288,192-
	2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF					136,876-
						425,068-
						=====

COL A91		COL A92		COL A93		CODES
POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	
STATE COURT SYSTEM						22000000
PGM: SUPREME COURT						22010000
COURT OPER/SUPREME COURT						22010100
STATE COURTS						15
STATE COURT SYSTEM						<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
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A92 - SCH VIIIIB-1 NR FY20-21						
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS						
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT						
						288,192-
						136,876-
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						425,068-
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TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM						<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE						
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	558,393-	558,393-				1000
TRUST FUNDS	136,876-	136,876-				2000
TOTAL PROG COMP.....	695,269-	695,269-				=====

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	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	
	REDUC 20-21	NR FY20-21	ANZ FY20-21	
	POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT
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				CODES
STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: SUPREME COURT				22010000
<u>EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS</u>				22010200
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT				16
<u>EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC</u>				<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS				3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	568,690-	568,690-		1000 1
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	28,898-	28,898-		2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	375,020-	375,020-		2057 1
COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND-STATE	70,624-	70,624-		2146 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	1,043,232-	1,043,232-		
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES				030000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	16,392-	16,392-		1000 1
EXPENSES				040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	761,999-	761,999-		1000 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	23,640-	23,640-		2057 1
COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND-STATE	530,111-	530,111-		2146 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	1,315,750-	1,315,750-		
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY				060000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	56,867-	56,867-		1000 1
SPECIAL CATEGORIES				100000
CONTRACTED SERVICES				100777
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	167,254-	167,254-		1000 1
COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND-STATE	4,000-	4,000-		2146 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	171,254-	171,254-		

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	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	
	REDUC 20-21	NR FY20-21	ANZ FY20-21	
POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	POS
				AMOUNT
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STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: SUPREME COURT				22010000
EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS				22010200
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT				16
EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC				1602.00.00.00
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS				3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
SPECIAL CATEGORIES				100000
COMPUTER SUBCRIP. SERVICES				103734
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	66,522-	66,522-		1000 1
LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT				105281
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	27,143-	27,143-		1000 1
DATA PROCESSING SERVICES				210000
OTHER DATA PROCESSING SVCS				210014
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	152,019-	152,019-		1000 1
TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
TOTAL ISSUE.....	2,849,179-	2,849,179-		

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						22010200
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						<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
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 PGM: SUPREME COURT  
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STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: SUPREME COURT				22010000
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GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT				16
<u>EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC</u>				<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS				3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010

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A92 - SCH VIIIIB-1 NR FY20-21							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT							
2021 ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND							28,898-
2146 COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND							70,624-
1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND							568,690-
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							375,020-
							<u>1,043,232-</u>
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TOTAL: EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC							<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	1,816,886-	1,816,886-					1000
TRUST FUNDS	1,032,293-	1,032,293-					2000
TOTAL PROG COMP.....	<u>2,849,179-</u>	<u>2,849,179-</u>					
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	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	
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	POS AMOUNT	POS AMOUNT	POS AMOUNT	CODES
STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: DIST COURTS OF APPEAL				22100000
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STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				1501.00.00.00
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BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	417,026-	417,026-		1000 1
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	50,571-	50,571-		2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	362,603-	362,603-		2057 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	830,200-	830,200-		
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES				030000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	82,500-	82,500-		1000 1
EXPENSES				040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	250,000-	250,000-		1000 1
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	25,000-	25,000-		2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	62,500-	62,500-		2057 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	337,500-	337,500-		
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY				060000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	78,034-	78,034-		1000 1
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	10,000-	10,000-		2021 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	88,034-	88,034-		
SPECIAL CATEGORIES				100000
COMP TO RETIRED JUDGES				100630
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	51,790-	51,790-		1000 1
CONTRACTED SERVICES				100777
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	130,000-	130,000-		1000 1

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COURT OPER/APPELLATE COURT							22100600
STATE COURTS							15
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STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS							3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS							3304010
SPECIAL CATEGORIES							100000
DCA LAW LIBRARY							103732
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	77,874-	77,874-					1000 1
LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT							105281
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	9,500-	9,500-					1000 1
DATA PROCESSING SERVICES							210000
OTHER DATA PROCESSING SVCS							210014
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	41,990-	41,990-					1000 1
TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS							3304010
TOTAL ISSUE.....	1,649,388-	1,649,388-					

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STATE COURT SYSTEM						22000000
PGM: DIST COURTS OF APPEAL						22100000
COURT OPER/APPELLATE COURT						22100600
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A91 - SCH VIIIIB-1 REDUC 20-21						
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS						
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT						
	1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND					417,026-
	2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF					362,603-
	2021 ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND					50,571-
						<u>830,200-</u>
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STATE COURT SYSTEM						22000000
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						=====

TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM

1501.00.00.00

BY FUND TYPE

GENERAL REVENUE FUND	1,138,714-	1,138,714-				1000
TRUST FUNDS	510,674-	510,674-				2000
TOTAL PROG COMP.....	<u>1,649,388-</u>	<u>1,649,388-</u>				
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	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	
	REDUC 20-21	NR FY20-21	ANZ FY20-21	
	POS AMOUNT	POS AMOUNT	POS AMOUNT	CODES
STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: TRIAL COURTS				22300000
CT OPER/CIRCUIT CTS				22300100
STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				1501.00.00.00
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS				3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	5,556,971-	5,556,971-		1000 1
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	12,720-	12,720-		2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	2,474,852-	2,474,852-		2057 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	8,044,543-	8,044,543-		
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES				030000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	467,968-	467,968-		1000 1
EXPENSES				040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	2,877,059-	2,877,059-		1000 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	334,505-	334,505-		2057 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	3,211,564-	3,211,564-		
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY				060000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	120,369-	120,369-		1000 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	144,982-	144,982-		2057 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	265,351-	265,351-		
SPECIAL CATEGORIES				100000
PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS				100146
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	10,684,422-	10,684,422-		1000 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	260,000-	260,000-		2057 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	10,944,422-	10,944,422-		

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CT OPER/CIRCUIT CTS				22300100
STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS				3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
SPECIAL CATEGORIES				100000
CIVIL TRAFFIC INF HEAR OFF				100200
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	352,774-	352,774-		1000 1
COMP TO RETIRED JUDGES				100630
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	1,098,111-	1,098,111-		1000 1
CONTRACTED SERVICES				100777
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	6,057,714-	6,057,714-		1000 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	436,387-	436,387-		2057 1
TOTAL APPRO.....	6,494,101-	6,494,101-		
DOMESTIC VLC OFFND MONITOR				101078
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	158,000-	158,000-		1000 1
LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT				105281
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	35,291-	35,291-		1000 1
MEDIATION/ARBITRATION SVCS				105415
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	1,237,261-	1,237,261-		1000 1
ST COURTS DUE PROCESS COST				105420
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	7,362,045-	7,362,045-		1000 1



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				CODES
STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: TRIAL COURTS				22300000
CT OPER/CIRCUIT CTS				22300100
STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				1501.00.00.00
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS				3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
DATA PROCESSING SERVICES				210000
OTHER DATA PROCESSING SVCS				210014
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	408,000-	408,000-		2057 1
TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
TOTAL ISSUE.....	40,079,431-	40,079,431-		

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						22300100
						15
						<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
						3300000
						3304010

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 PGM: TRIAL COURTS  
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 STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS  
 BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS

- \* Preserve, to the extent possible, resources necessary to support the State's economic recovery.
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SCH VIIIIB-1 REDUC 20-21 POS	AMOUNT	SCH VIIIIB-1 NR FY20-21 POS	AMOUNT	SCH VIIIIB-1 ANZ FY20-21 POS	AMOUNT	
STATE COURT SYSTEM						22000000
PGM: TRIAL COURTS						22300000
CT OPER/CIRCUIT CTS						22300100
STATE COURTS						15
STATE COURT SYSTEM						<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS						3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS						3304010

POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A91 - SCH VIIIIB-1 REDUC 20-21							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT							
2021 ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND							12,720-
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							2,474,852-
1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND							5,556,971-
							<u>8,044,543-</u>
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A92 - SCH VIIIIB-1 NR FY20-21

CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT							
2021 ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND							12,720-
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1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND							5,556,971-
							<u>8,044,543-</u>
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TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM							<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	36,007,985-	36,007,985-					1000
TRUST FUNDS	4,071,446-	4,071,446-					2000
TOTAL PROG COMP.....	<u>40,079,431-</u>	<u>40,079,431-</u>					=====

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STATE COURT SYSTEM							22000000
PGM: TRIAL COURTS							22300000
CT OPER/COUNTY CTS							22300200
STATE COURTS							15
STATE COURT SYSTEM							1501.00.00.00
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS							3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS							3304010
SALARIES AND BENEFITS							010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE		758,241-		758,241-			1000 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE		264,806-		264,806-			2057 1
TOTAL APPRO.....		1,023,047-		1,023,047-			
OTHER PERSONAL SERVICES							030000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE		14,459-		14,459-			1000 1
EXPENSES							040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE		119,828-		119,828-			1000 1
OPERATING CAPITAL OUTLAY							060000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE		13,500-		13,500-			1000 1
SPECIAL CATEGORIES							100000
ADD COMPENSATION CO JUDGES							100035
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE		31,139-		31,139-			1000 1
LEASE/PURCHASE/EQUIPMENT							105281
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE		4,500-		4,500-			1000 1
TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS							3304010
TOTAL ISSUE.....		1,206,473-		1,206,473-			

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	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	
	REDUC 20-21	NR FY20-21	ANZ FY20-21	
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				AMOUNT
				CODES
STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: TRIAL COURTS				22300000
CT OPER/COUNTY CTS				22300200
STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS				3300000
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	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	
	REDC 20-21	NR FY20-21	ANZ FY20-21	
POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	POS
				AMOUNT
				CODES
STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: TRIAL COURTS				22300000
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STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
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STATE COURT SYSTEM						22000000
PGM: TRIAL COURTS						22300000
CT OPER/COUNTY CTS						22300200
STATE COURTS						15
STATE COURT SYSTEM						<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS						3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS						3304010

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A91 - SCH VIIIIB-1 REDUC 20-21							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT							
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1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND							758,241-
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CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
OTHER SALARY AMOUNT							
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							264,806-
1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND							758,241-
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							1,023,047-
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TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM							<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	941,667-	941,667-					1000
TRUST FUNDS	264,806-	264,806-					2000
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TOTAL PROG COMP.....	1,206,473-	1,206,473-					=====

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	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	SCH VIIIIB-1	
	REDUC 20-21	NR FY20-21	ANZ FY20-21	
POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	POS
				AMOUNT
				CODES
STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: JUDICIAL QUALIF COMM				22350000
JUDICIAL QUAL COMM OPERTNS				22350100
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT				16
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS				1601.00.00.00
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS				3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
EXPENSES				040000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	17,620-	17,620-	1000 1
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SPECIAL CATEGORIES				100000
CONTRACTED SERVICES				100777
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	39,921-	39,921-	1000 1
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LITIGATION EXPENSES				105003
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	31,232-	31,232-	1000 1
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TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS				3304010
TOTAL ISSUE.....		88,773-	88,773-	
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STATE COURT SYSTEM						22000000
PGM: JUDICIAL QUALIF COMM						22350000
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TOTAL: GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS						<u>1601.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE						
GENERAL REVENUE FUND.....	88,773-	88,773-				1000
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