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PGM: SUPREME COURT				22010000
COURT OPER/SUPREME COURT				22010100
STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				1501.00.00.00
SCHEDULE VIIIIB REDUCTIONS -				
OPERATING				33B0000
JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
SALARY RATE				000000
SALARY RATE.....	989,665-			
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	20.50-			
	1,365,359-			2057 1
	=====	=====	=====	
TOTAL: JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	20.50-			
TOTAL ISSUE.....	1,365,359-			
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PGM: SUPREME COURT				22010000
COURT OPER/SUPREME COURT				22010100
STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS - OPERATING				33B0000
JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200

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	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A93 - SCH VIIIB-2 REDUCTIONS							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C1000 001	20.50-	989,665-		375,694-	1,365,359-	0.00	1,365,359-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							1,365,359-
	20.50-	989,665-		375,694-	1,365,359-		1,365,359-
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TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM							<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
TRUST FUNDS.....	20.50-						2000
SALARY RATE.....		1,365,359-					
		989,665-					

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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
SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS - OPERATING				33B0000
JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
SALARY RATE				000000
SALARY RATE.....	1,870,293-			
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	67,249-			2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	1,842,640-			2057 1
COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND-STATE	499,033-			2146 1
MEDIATION/ARBITRATION TF -STATE	190,314-			2213 1
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TOTAL POSITIONS.....	40.75-			
TOTAL APPRO.....	2,599,236-			
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TOTAL: JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	40.75-			
TOTAL ISSUE.....	2,599,236-			
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	1,870,293-			
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PGM: SUPREME COURT				22010000
EXECUTIVE DIR/SUPPORT SVCS				22010200
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT				16
EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC				<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
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A93 - SCH VIIIB-2 REDUCTIONS							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C2401 001	28.75-	1,326,983-		515,657-	1,842,640-	0.00	1,842,640-
C2402 001	7.75-	359,669-		139,364-	499,033-	0.00	499,033-
C2403 001	3.25-	134,819-		55,495-	190,314-	0.00	190,314-
C2404 001	1.00-	48,822-		18,427-	67,249-	0.00	67,249-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							1,842,640-
2146 COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND							499,033-
2213 MEDIATION/ARBITRATION TF							190,314-
2021 ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND							67,249-
	40.75-	1,870,293-		728,943-	2,599,236-		2,599,236-

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TOTAL: EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC							<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
TRUST FUNDS.....	40.75-	2,599,236-					2000
SALARY RATE.....	1,870,293-						

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STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: DIST COURTS OF APPEAL				22100000
COURT OPER/APPELLATE COURT				22100600
STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				1501.00.00.00
SCHEDULE VIIIIB REDUCTIONS - OPERATING				33B0000
JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
SALARY RATE				000000
SALARY RATE.....	4,467,632-			
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	300,615-			2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	5,839,014-			2057 1
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TOTAL POSITIONS.....	90.00-			
TOTAL APPRO.....	6,139,629-			
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TOTAL: JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	90.00-			
TOTAL ISSUE.....	6,139,629-			
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	4,467,632-			
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STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS -				
OPERATING				33B0000
JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200

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CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C3010 001	85.75-	4,247,636-		1,591,378-	5,839,014-	0.00	5,839,014-
C3011 001	4.25-	219,996-		80,619-	300,615-	0.00	300,615-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							5,839,014-
2021 ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND							300,615-
	90.00-	4,467,632-		1,671,997-	6,139,629-		6,139,629-

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TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM							<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
TRUST FUNDS.....	90.00-						2000
SALARY RATE.....		6,139,629-					
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CT OPER/CIRCUIT CTS				22300100
STATE COURTS				15
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JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
SALARY RATE				000000
SALARY RATE.....	30,099,385-			
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	63,680-			2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	40,494,431-			2057 1
MEDIATION/ARBITRATION TF -STATE	1,734,180-			2213 1
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	704.75-			
TOTAL APPRO.....	42,292,291-			
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TOTAL: JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	704.75-			
TOTAL ISSUE.....	42,292,291-			
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	REDUCTIONS	NR FY11-12	ANZ FY11-12	
POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	POS
				AMOUNT
				CODES
STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: TRIAL COURTS				22300000
CT OPER/COUNTY CTS				22300200
STATE COURTS				15
STATE COURT SYSTEM				1501.00.00.00
SCHEDULE VIIIIB REDUCTIONS -				
OPERATING				33B0000
JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
SALARY RATE				000000
SALARY RATE.....	7,911,451-			
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	226.00-			
	11,763,882-			2057 1
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TOTAL: JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	226.00-			
TOTAL ISSUE.....	11,763,882-			
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	7,911,451-			
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POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	POS
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>
SCHEDULE VIIIB REDUCTIONS - OPERATING				33B0000
JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200

POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A93 - SCH VIIIB-2 REDUCTIONS							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C6106 001	226.00-	7,911,451-		3,852,431-	11,763,882-	0.00	11,763,882-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							11,763,882-
	226.00-	7,911,451-		3,852,431-	11,763,882-		11,763,882-

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TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM							<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE	226.00-						
TRUST FUNDS.....		11,763,882-					2000
SALARY RATE.....	7,911,451-						

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POS	AMOUNT	POS	AMOUNT	
STATE COURT SYSTEM				22000000
PGM: JUDICIAL QUALIF COMM				22350000
JUDICIAL QUAL COMM OPERTNS				22350100
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT				16
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS				1601.00.00.00
SCHEDULE VIIIIB REDUCTIONS - OPERATING				33B0000
JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
SALARY RATE				000000
SALARY RATE.....	94,396-			
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS				010000
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	2.75-			
	137,726-			2057 1
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TOTAL: JUDICIAL BRANCH REDUCTION				33B2200
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	2.75-			
TOTAL ISSUE.....	137,726-			
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	94,396-			
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C7001 001	2.75-	94,396-		43,330-	137,726-	0.00	137,726-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							137,726-
	2.75-	94,396-		43,330-	137,726-		137,726-
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TOTAL: GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS							<u>1601.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
TRUST FUNDS.....	2.75-	137,726-					2000
SALARY RATE.....	94,396-						