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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
SALARY RATE		000000
SALARY RATE.....	663,591-	
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS		010000
	13.50-	
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF.....	874,298-	2057
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TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS		3304010
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	13.50-	
TOTAL ISSUE.....	874,298-	
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	663,591-	
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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A93 - SCH VIII B-2 REDUCTIONS							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C1001 001	13.50-	663,591-		210,707-	874,298-	0.00	874,298-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							874,298-
	13.50-	663,591-		210,707-	874,298-		874,298-
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 TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM 1501.00.00.00
 BY FUND TYPE
 TRUST FUNDS..... 13.50- 874,298- 2000
 SALARY RATE..... 663,591-
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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
SALARY RATE		000000
SALARY RATE.....	1,273,664-	
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS		010000
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND	44,832-	2021
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF	1,315,883-	2057
COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND	327,639-	2146

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	27.00-	
TOTAL APPRO.....	1,688,354-	
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TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS		3304010
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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							
C2401 001	21.00-	993,043-		322,840-	1,315,883-	0.00	1,315,883-
C2402 001	5.00-	249,173-		78,466-	327,639-	0.00	327,639-
C2403 001	1.00-	31,448-		13,384-	44,832-	0.00	44,832-

TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							1,315,883-
2146 COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND							327,639-
2021 ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND							44,832-
	27.00-	1,273,664-		414,690-	1,688,354-		1,688,354-
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 TOTAL: EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC 1602.00.00.00
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 TRUST FUNDS..... 27.00- 1,688,354- 2000
 SALARY RATE..... 1,273,664-
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PGM: DIST COURTS OF APPEAL		22100000
COURT OPER/APPELLATE COURT		22100600
STATE COURTS		15
STATE COURT SYSTEM		<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS		3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS		3304010
SALARY RATE		000000
SALARY RATE.....	3,000,544-	
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS		010000
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND	171,696-	2021
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF	3,767,041-	2057

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	59.50-	
TOTAL APPRO.....	3,938,737-	
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P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE						
C3010 001	57.50-	2,864,770-	902,271-	3,767,041-	0.00	3,767,041-
C3011 001	2.00-	135,774-	35,922-	171,696-	0.00	171,696-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND						
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF						3,767,041-
2021 ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND						171,696-
59.50-	3,000,544-		938,193-	3,938,737-		3,938,737-

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PGM: TRIAL COURTS		22300000
CT OPER/CIRCUIT CTS		22300100
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BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS		3304010
SALARY RATE		000000
SALARY RATE.....	19,956,436-	
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS		010000
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND	61,433-	2021
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF	26,835,528-	2057

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	470.00-	
TOTAL APPRO.....	26,896,961-	
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P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE						
C4113 001	469.00-	19,910,239-	6,925,289-	26,835,528-	0.00	26,835,528-
C4114 001	1.00-	46,197-	15,236-	61,433-	0.00	61,433-
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS		010000
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CT OPER/COUNTY CTS		22300200
STATE COURTS		15
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FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
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P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE						
C6106 001	147.50-	5,315,178-		2,059,101-	7,374,279-	0.00 7,374,279-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND						
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF						
	147.50-	5,315,178-		2,059,101-	7,374,279-	7,374,279-

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 TRUST FUNDS..... 147.50-
 SALARY RATE..... 7,374,279- 2000
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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
SALARY RATE		000000
SALARY RATE.....	67,488-	
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS		010000
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF.....	1.50- 90,117-	2057
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TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS		3304010
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	1.50-	
TOTAL ISSUE.....	90,117-	
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

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C7001 001	1.50-	67,488-		22,629-	90,117-	0.00	90,117-

TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
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