

COL A93			
SCH VIIIIB-2			
REDUCTIONS			
POS	AMOUNT		CODES

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>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS			3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS			3304010
SALARY RATE			000000
SALARY RATE.....	340,299-		
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS			010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	236,561-	1000 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF	-STATE	231,739-	2057 1

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	7.00-		
TOTAL APPRO.....	468,300-		
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TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS			3304010
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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A93 - SCH VIIIIB-2 REDUCTIONS						
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS						
P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE						
C1001 001	3.50-	172,253-	64,308-	236,561-	0.00	236,561-
C1002 001	3.50-	168,046-	63,693-	231,739-	0.00	231,739-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND						
1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND						236,561-
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF						231,739-
7.00-	340,299-		128,001-	468,300-		468,300-

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STATE COURTS		15
<u>STATE COURT SYSTEM</u>		<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM		<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	236,561-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	231,739-	2000

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	7.00-	
TOTAL PROG COMP.....	468,300-	
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<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
SALARY RATE			000000
SALARY RATE.....	645,419-		
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS			010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	372,262-		1000 1
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	22,789-		2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	328,925-		2057 1
COURT EDUCATION TRUST FUND-STATE	166,715-		2146 1

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	13.50-		
TOTAL APPRO.....	890,691-		
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A93 - SCH VIIIIB-2 REDUCTIONS							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C1003 001	5.50-	271,141-		101,121-	372,262-	0.00	372,262-
C1004 001	5.00-	238,207-		90,718-	328,925-	0.00	328,925-
C1005 001	2.50-	121,068-		45,647-	166,715-	0.00	166,715-
C1006 001	0.50-	15,003-		7,786-	22,789-	0.00	22,789-

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GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT		16
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TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND						
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						328,925-
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13.50-	645,419-		245,272-	890,691-		890,691-

TOTAL: EXEC LEADERSHIP/SUPPRT SVC		<u>1602.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	372,262-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	518,429-	2000
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	13.50-	
TOTAL PROG COMP.....	890,691-	
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	645,419-	

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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.....	1,545,594-		
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS			010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	1,246,381-		1000 1
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	92,771-		2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	784,524-		2057 1

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	31.50-		
TOTAL APPRO.....	2,123,676-		
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P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C1007 001	18.50-	906,983-		339,398-	1,246,381-	0.00	1,246,381-
C1008 001	11.50-	572,304-		212,220-	784,524-	0.00	784,524-
C1009 001	1.50-	66,307-		26,464-	92,771-	0.00	92,771-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND							1,246,381-
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							784,524-
2021 ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND							92,771-
	31.50-	1,545,594-		578,082-	2,123,676-		2,123,676-

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TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM		<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	1,246,381-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	877,295-	2000

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CT OPER/CIRCUIT CTS			22300100
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STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS			3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS			3304010
SALARY RATE			000000
SALARY RATE.....	10,465,564-		
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS			010000
GENERAL REVENUE FUND -STATE	11,593,447-		1000 1
ADMINISTRATIVE TRUST FUND -STATE	59,154-		2021 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF -STATE	3,037,245-		2057 1

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	241.00-		
TOTAL APPRO.....	14,689,846-		
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P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C1010 001	190.00-	8,261,539-		3,331,908-	11,593,447-	0.00	11,593,447-
C1011 001	50.00-	2,162,170-		875,075-	3,037,245-	0.00	3,037,245-
C1012 001	1.00-	41,855-		17,299-	59,154-	0.00	59,154-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND							11,593,447-
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GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	3,816,146-	1000 1
STATE COURTS REVENUE TF	-STATE	352,023-	2057 1

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TOTAL APPRO.....	4,168,169-		
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POSITION DETAIL OF SALARIES AND BENEFITS:

	FTE	BASE RATE	ADDITIVES	BENEFITS	SUBTOTAL	LAPSE %	LAPSED SALARIES AND BENEFITS
A93 - SCH VIIIIB-2 REDUCTIONS							
CHANGES TO CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS							
P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C1013 001	71.50-	2,631,942-		1,184,204-	3,816,146-	0.00	3,816,146-
C1014 001	6.50-	243,718-		108,305-	352,023-	0.00	352,023-

TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND							3,816,146-
2057 STATE COURTS REVENUE TF							352,023-
	78.00-	2,875,660-		1,292,509-	4,168,169-		4,168,169-
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REDUCTIONS		
POS	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>
TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM		<u>1501.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	3,816,146-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	352,023-	2000

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	78.00-	
TOTAL PROG COMP.....	4,168,169-	
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	2,875,660-	
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REDUCTIONS			
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
SALARY RATE			000000
SALARY RATE.....	35,501-		
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SALARIES AND BENEFITS			010000
	.50-		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	-STATE	46,279-	1000 1
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TOTAL: BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS			3304010
TOTAL POSITIONS.....	.50-		
TOTAL ISSUE.....		46,279-	
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	35,501-		
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AGENCY ISSUE NARRATIVE:

SCH VIIIIB-2 NARR 14-15 NARRATIVE:

IT COMPONENT? NO

The completion of this Schedule by the State Courts System is strictly to comply with Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Legislative Budget Request Instructions and should in no way be construed as an offer of reductions on the part of the courts. Clearly, such reductions as provided herein are not a viable alternative for the continued operations of the judicial branch. The reduction information is provided to demonstrate the magnitude of the cut and to further explain how the judicial branch of government in Florida simply could not function with the resulting draconian cuts in court staff.

Due to size of the requested target cut, the only choice for the State Courts System to meet the reduction targets is in the salary and benefits category which would mean eliminating a substantial number of FTE. The information provided herein reflects that impact. The State Courts System is unique in that over 51% of the General Revenue and State Courts Revenue Trust Fund salary budget is dedicated to judicial salaries and benefits. To assure Florida citizens of their constitutional right of access to the courts without sale, denial or delay, no reduction option is available to the courts in terms of reducing judicial officers. For this reason, and in order to describe the impact of the reduction, the reduction target for the General Revenue Fund and the State Courts Revenue Trust Fund are combined. The total number of 371.5 FTE (12% of staff) to be reduced, is clearly an additional staff reduction the judicial branch in Florida cannot sustain. (Please see attached chart.) Previous staff reductions in 2008 resulted in the elimination of 299.5 FTE.

A staff cut of this magnitude resulting from a 5% reduction would critically impair court efficiency. Besides providing staff that coordinate and directly provide constitutional due process services (expert witness, court reporting, and court interpreting), the Florida State Courts System's case managers, magistrates, hearing officers, law clerks, judicial assistants, mediators, and administrators all contribute numerous efficiencies in the processing of cases. For example, as one circuit judge noted regarding the effect of reduced case managers on pro se litigants: The first thing is we can't help them. There is confusion and the wrong things are filed. So there are delays and additional costs. For the appellate courts, a district court of appeal chief judge noted that further staff reductions could mean delays in terms of years or even decades in the disposition of cases.

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POS	AMOUNT	CODES
STATE COURT SYSTEM		22000000
PGM: JUDICIAL QUALIF COMM		22350000
JUDICIAL QUAL COMM OPERTNS		22350100
GOV OPERATIONS/SUPPORT		16
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS		<u>1601.00.00.00</u>
STATE FUNDING REDUCTIONS		3300000
BASE BUDGET REDUCTIONS		3304010

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P101 PROPOSED CLASS CODE							
C1015 001	0.50-	35,501-		10,778-	46,279-	0.00	46,279-
TOTALS FOR ISSUE BY FUND							
1000 GENERAL REVENUE FUND							46,279-
	0.50-	35,501-		10,778-	46,279-		46,279-

TOTAL: GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS							<u>1601.00.00.00</u>
BY FUND TYPE							
GENERAL REVENUE FUND.....	.50-	46,279-					1000
SALARY RATE.....	35,501-						

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POS	AMOUNT	CODES

STATE COURT SYSTEM		22000000
TOTAL: STATE COURT SYSTEM		22000000
BY FUND TYPE		
GENERAL REVENUE FUND	17,311,076-	1000
TRUST FUNDS	5,075,885-	2000

TOTAL POSITIONS.....	371.50-	
TOTAL DEPARTMENT.....	22,386,961-	
TOTAL SALARY RATE.....	15,908,037-	
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