

Subject Judicial branch finance bill

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Overview

This is the supplemental funding bill for the judicial branch. It authorizes the Minnesota State Patrol to provide security to the chief justice, adjusts appropriations made in 2025 to transfer money between areas, and appropriates money for a supplemental budget in 2026.

Summary

Section	Description
1	Members, powers, and duties. Authorizes members of the Minnesota State Patrol to provide security and protection to the chief justice. Specifies that members of the State Patrol have the same powers and duties to enforce laws as sheriffs and other peace officers.
2-4	Supreme court. Reduces the general fund base adjustment for the district courts and increases the base adjustments for the court of appeals and supreme court. The adjustments do not increase the total appropriation.
5	Supreme court appropriations. Appropriates \$87,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$173,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the supreme court to fund the employer portion of the Minnesota paid leave program. Also appropriates \$529,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to implement safety and security measures. Establishes that the base for the appropriation is \$488,000 beginning in fiscal year 2028. Appropriates \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund for a grant program for courthouse safety and security improvements. Requires a 50 percent nonstate match for the grant.
6	Court of appeals appropriations. Appropriates \$23,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$46,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the supreme court to fund the employer portion of the Minnesota paid leave program. Also appropriates \$82,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general

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	fund to implement safety and security measures. Establishes that the base for the appropriation is \$53,000 beginning in fiscal year 2028.
7	District courts appropriations. Appropriates \$534,000 in fiscal year 2026 and \$1,068,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to the supreme court to fund the employer portion of the Minnesota paid leave program. Also appropriates \$1,276,000 in fiscal year 2027 from the general fund to implement safety and security measures. Establishes that the base for the appropriation is \$824,000 beginning in fiscal year 2028.
8	Effective date. Establishes that the sections are effective the day following final enactment.



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