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Overview

Appropriates \$10,000,000 of bond proceeds to the State Court Administrator for use in funding courthouse capital improvement grants.

Section

- 1 County courthouse capital grants.** Directs the state to pay up to 50 percent of the cost of capital improvements to county courthouses and facilities used by the judiciary or in support of the judicial functions performed at the facilities. Directs the state to pay up to 100 percent of the cost of courthouse security improvements of a capital nature that contribute to the security of the judicial operations in county courthouses.

Counties seeking grants must submit applications to the State Court Administrator, but only after they first submit their requests to the Chief Justice. The Chief Justice will make recommendations to the State Court Administrator regarding the priority of requests received. The State Court Administrator will distribute the grants.
- 2 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$10,000,000 to the State Court Administrator from the bond proceeds fund in order to fund the grants provided for section 1. Allots \$1,000,000 to each judicial district. If a judicial district does not use its \$1,000,000 allotment within two years of the date of this act, the Supreme Court Administrator may allocate the remaining balance to the other judicial districts.
- 3 Bond sale.** Authorizes a bond sale to fund the appropriation provided for in section 2.
- 4 Effective date.** The day following final enactment.