

Judicial and Corrections

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Office of Fiscal Analysis

	Page #	Analyst	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
						FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund									
Division of Criminal Justice	232	BP	55,678,996	57,456,126	63,166,250	62,517,967	62,517,967	66,275,856	67,033,743
Department of Correction	235	RP	722,701,688	727,319,960	705,689,167	757,966,428	757,966,428	759,279,803	772,303,332
Judicial Department	239	BP	580,067,393	590,402,556	605,217,667	619,913,486	625,689,652	646,525,059	650,971,309
Public Defender Services Commission	244	BP	73,042,084	84,818,673	89,492,117	89,751,502	89,751,502	100,441,966	104,012,444
Total - General Fund			1,431,490,161	1,459,997,315	1,463,565,201	1,530,149,383	1,535,925,549	1,572,522,684	1,594,320,828
Banking Fund									
Judicial Department	239	BP	2,137,371	2,040,196	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656
Workers' Compensation Fund									
Division of Criminal Justice	232	BP	789,558	836,159	953,983	974,771	974,771	974,771	974,771
Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund									
Judicial Department	239	BP	2,025,222	1,793,846	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088
Total - Appropriated Funds			1,436,442,312	1,464,667,516	1,469,611,928	1,536,216,898	1,541,993,064	1,578,590,199	1,600,388,343

Division of Criminal Justice
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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	501	501	501	501	501	511	521
Workers' Compensation Fund	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	47,961,978	48,831,986	54,541,281	53,703,277	53,703,277	57,461,166	58,219,053
Other Expenses	4,249,828	5,101,696	5,102,201	5,102,201	5,102,201	5,102,201	5,102,201
Other Current Expenses							
Witness Protection	289,035	256,183	164,148	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Training And Education	83,464	100,887	147,398	147,398	147,398	147,398	147,398
Expert Witnesses	86,380	124,433	135,413	135,413	135,413	135,413	135,413
Medicaid Fraud Control	1,428,139	1,418,531	1,439,442	1,509,942	1,509,942	1,509,942	1,509,942
Criminal Justice Commission	-	-	409	409	409	409	409
Cold Case Unit	283,540	276,393	282,227	292,041	292,041	292,041	292,041
Shooting Taskforce	1,296,632	1,346,017	1,353,731	1,427,286	1,427,286	1,427,286	1,427,286
Agency Total - General Fund	55,678,996	57,456,126	63,166,250	62,517,967	62,517,967	66,275,856	67,033,743
Personal Services	397,711	447,295	454,159	474,947	474,947	474,947	474,947
Other Expenses	10,417	8,230	10,428	10,428	10,428	10,428	10,428
Fringe Benefits	381,430	380,634	489,396	489,396	489,396	489,396	489,396
Agency Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	789,558	836,159	953,983	974,771	974,771	974,771	974,771
Total - Appropriated Funds	56,468,554	58,292,285	64,120,233	63,492,738	63,492,738	67,250,627	68,008,514

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding and Positions for Digital Evidence Review

Personal Services	-	-	461,713	923,425	461,713	923,425
Total - General Fund	-	-	461,713	923,425	461,713	923,425
Positions - General Fund	-	-	5	10	5	10

Background

DCJ must disclose all exculpatory evidence known to any member of the prosecution team which includes both prosecutorial and investigative personnel. DCJ has experienced a substantial increase to the volume of digital evidence including footage from body worn cameras, dashboard camera devices, and third-party videos (such as private and public surveillance systems), etc.

Committee

Provide funding of \$461,713 in FY 26 and \$923,425 in FY 27 for 5 new positions in FY 26 and 10 new positions in FY 27 to support digital evidence review.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Provide Funding and Positions for Data Entry Personnel

Personal Services	-	-	296,176	592,351	296,176	592,351
Total - General Fund	-	-	296,176	592,351	296,176	592,351
Positions - General Fund	-	-	5	10	5	10

Background

The Prosecutorial Transparency Act, CGS §§ 51-286j and 4-68ff, requires the DCJ to collect case level data for adults and share this data with the Office of Policy Management (OPM). This data is collected using DCJ's Case Management System. Previously, DCJ used pandemic-era emergency funding to meet these requirements.

Committee

Provide Funding of \$296,176 in FY 26 and \$592,351 in FY 27 for 5 new positions in FY 26 and 10 new positions in FY 27 to support data entry.

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)	(1,200,000)	(1,200,000)	1,800,000	1,800,000
Witness Protection	35,852	35,852	35,852	35,852	-	-
Total - General Fund	(2,964,148)	(2,964,148)	(1,164,148)	(1,164,148)	1,800,000	1,800,000

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,964,148 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Reduce funding by \$1,164,148 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	2,161,996	2,161,996	3,361,996	3,361,996	1,200,000	1,200,000
Medicaid Fraud Control	70,500	70,500	70,500	70,500	-	-
Cold Case Unit	9,814	9,814	9,814	9,814	-	-
Shooting Taskforce	73,555	73,555	73,555	73,555	-	-
Total - General Fund	2,315,865	2,315,865	3,515,865	3,515,865	1,200,000	1,200,000
Personal Services	20,788	20,788	20,788	20,788	-	-
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	20,788	20,788	20,788	20,788	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,315,865 to accounts in the General Fund and \$20,788 to the Workers' Compensation Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Provide funding of \$3,515,865 to accounts in the General Fund and \$20,788 to the Workers' Compensation Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	63,166,250	63,166,250	63,166,250	63,166,250	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	757,889	1,515,776	757,889	1,515,776
Current Services	(648,283)	(648,283)	2,351,717	2,351,717	3,000,000	3,000,000
Total Recommended - GF	62,517,967	62,517,967	66,275,856	67,033,743	3,757,889	4,515,776
FY 25 Appropriation - WF	953,983	953,983	953,983	953,983	-	-
Current Services	20,788	20,788	20,788	20,788	-	-
Total Recommended - WF	974,771	974,771	974,771	974,771	-	-

Positions	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	501	501	501	501	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	10	20	10	20
Total Recommended - GF	501	501	511	521	10	20

Department of Correction

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	5,952	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	461,662,139	448,242,504	446,837,256	470,744,513	470,744,513	470,144,513	470,144,513
Other Expenses	86,030,812	89,172,425	72,751,901	86,235,886	86,235,886	86,028,616	92,028,616
Other Current Expenses							
Stress Management	14,076	4,685	-	-	-	-	-
Inmate Medical Services	125,579,910	139,908,878	130,559,989	145,129,165	145,129,165	145,629,165	152,629,165
Board of Pardons and Paroles	6,096,236	5,805,266	7,702,157	6,822,490	6,822,490	6,822,490	6,822,490
STRIDE	73,342	-	80,181	80,181	80,181	80,181	80,181
HITEC	-	-	-	-	-	620,645	644,174
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Aid to Paroled and Discharged Inmates	150	150	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Legal Services To Prisoners	764,831	796,999	797,000	797,000	797,000	797,000	797,000
Volunteer Services	52,340	56,445	87,725	87,725	87,725	87,725	87,725
Community Support Services	42,427,852	43,332,608	46,869,958	48,066,468	48,066,468	47,566,468	47,566,468
Reentry Centers	-	-	-	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000
Agency Total - General Fund	722,701,688	727,319,960	705,689,167	757,966,428	757,966,428	759,279,803	772,303,332

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for the HITEC Program

Other Expenses	-	-	(507,270)	(507,270)	(507,270)	(507,270)
HITEC	-	-	620,645	644,174	620,645	644,174
Total - General Fund	-	-	113,375	136,904	113,375	136,904

Background

The Health Improvement Through Employee Control (HITEC) program within the University of Connecticut Healthcare Center, which is funded by DOC through an MOU, assists correction officers with their mental health, stress reduction, sleep hygiene, and officer mentoring.

Committee

Provide funding of \$113,375 in FY 26 and \$136,904 in FY 27 and transfer funding of \$507,270 in FY 26 and FY 27 from Other Expenses to HITEC to support the HITEC program.

Restore Funding for Electronic Messaging by Inmates

Other Expenses	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	-	-	3,500,000	3,500,000
Total - General Fund	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)	-	-	3,500,000	3,500,000

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

PA 21-54, *An Act Concerning Communication Services in Correctional and Juvenile Detention Facilities* made certain inmate communications free of charge and prohibited the state from receiving revenue from these services beginning in FY 23. PA 21-2 JSS, *An Act Concerning Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items to Implement the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2023* appropriated \$3.5 million to the Department of Correction to provide funding for this purpose.

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, appropriated an additional \$592,000 and added 10 correctional officer positions to assist with inmate telephone and messaging security and monitoring due to increased call volumes.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$3.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for subsidized inmate electronic messaging.

Committee

Restore funding of \$3.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for subsidized inmate electronic messaging.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Overtime Spending Reduction Plan

Personal Services	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)	-	-

Background

In the past 10 fiscal years, the Department of Correction has worked an average of 1.75 million hours of overtime annually, spending an average of \$77.6 million annually. In FY 24, DOC worked 1.9 million hours and spent \$92.7 million on overtime under Personal Services.

Governor

Reduce funding of \$2,288,556 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect anticipated savings from DOC's Overtime Spending Reduction Plan which aims to reduce overtime by 47,250 hours.

Committee

Same as Governor

Provide Funding for Reentry Centers

Reentry Centers	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,500,000

Background

Funding will be used to support existing reentry centers in Hartford, Waterbury, Bridgeport, New Haven, New London, and New Britain.

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.5 million in FY 26 and FY 27 to support Reentry Centers.

Transfer GPS Monitoring Funding from DAS to DOC

Other Expenses	811,617	811,617	811,617	811,617	-	-
Total - General Fund	811,617	811,617	811,617	811,617	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$811,617 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to DOC for the cost of the GPS monitoring contract.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding for EMERGE CT to the Judicial Department

Community Support Services	-	-	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)
Total - General Fund	-	-	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)	(500,000)

Background

EMERGE CT is a construction training program that supports formerly incarcerated individuals.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Committee

Transfer funding of \$500,000 from the Department of Correction (DOC) to the Judicial Department for EMERGE CT in FY 26 and FY 27.

Current Services

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

Personal Services	5,100,000	5,100,000	4,500,000	4,500,000	(600,000)	(600,000)
Other Expenses	16,000,000	16,000,000	12,800,000	18,800,000	(3,200,000)	2,800,000
Inmate Medical Services	11,000,000	11,000,000	11,500,000	18,500,000	500,000	7,500,000
Total - General Fund	32,100,000	32,100,000	28,800,000	41,800,000	(3,300,000)	9,700,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$32.1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Committee

Provide funding of \$28.8 million in FY 26 and \$41.8 million in FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	21,095,813	21,095,813	21,095,813	21,095,813	-	-
Inmate Medical Services	3,569,176	3,569,176	3,569,176	3,569,176	-	-
Board of Pardons and Paroles	270,333	270,333	270,333	270,333	-	-
Total - General Fund	24,935,322	24,935,322	24,935,322	24,935,322	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$24,935,322 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Other Expenses	172,368	172,368	172,368	172,368	-	-
Community Support Services	1,196,510	1,196,510	1,196,510	1,196,510	-	-
Total - General Fund	1,368,878	1,368,878	1,368,878	1,368,878	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,368,878 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Board of Pardons and Paroles	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1.15 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current requirements of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	705,689,167	705,689,167	705,689,167	705,689,167	-	-
Policy Revisions	(4,976,939)	(4,976,939)	(363,564)	(340,035)	4,613,375	4,636,904
Current Services	57,254,200	57,254,200	53,954,200	66,954,200	(3,300,000)	9,700,000
Total Recommended - GF	757,966,428	757,966,428	759,279,803	772,303,332	1,313,375	14,336,904

Judicial Department

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	4,274	4,274	4,274	4,292	4,292	4,274	4,274
Banking Fund	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	361,878,000	373,122,455	374,558,158	382,624,139	385,900,305	382,236,364	385,578,706
Other Expenses	67,530,947	66,992,983	64,212,164	68,212,164	69,462,164	71,762,164	71,762,164
Other Current Expenses							
Forensic Sex Evidence Exams	1,280,847	1,085,879	1,348,010	1,348,010	1,348,010	1,348,010	1,348,010
Alternative Incarceration Program	53,632,668	57,429,082	58,257,585	58,670,445	58,670,445	70,000,000	70,000,000
Justice Education Center, Inc.	486,426	503,435	503,435	516,287	516,287	516,287	516,287
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	29,417,071	31,137,932	30,584,377	31,887,932	33,137,932	35,768,876	35,768,876
Probate Court	13,359,024	81,024	13,281,024	13,281,024	13,281,024	13,281,024	13,634,932
Workers' Compensation Claims	5,901,740	5,666,048	6,042,106	6,042,106	6,042,106	6,042,106	6,042,106
Victim Security Account	4,230	-	8,792	8,792	8,792	8,792	8,792
Children of Incarcerated Parents	496,658	529,174	529,174	542,683	542,683	542,683	542,683
Legal Aid	1,397,144	1,390,597	1,397,144	1,397,144	1,397,144	3,147,144	3,897,144
Youth Violence Initiative	2,028,029	4,705,803	5,453,217	5,592,428	5,592,428	5,592,428	5,592,428
Youth Services Prevention	5,128,795	6,571,854	7,283,132	7,283,132	7,283,132	7,883,132	7,883,132
Children's Law Center	92,445	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Project Longevity	3,424,373	4,424,373	4,774,373	4,896,255	4,896,255	4,221,255	4,221,255
Juvenile Planning	600,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	945,000	945,000
Juvenile Justice Outreach Services	24,183,891	26,223,432	26,272,371	26,697,460	26,697,460	27,945,080	27,945,080
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	8,287,605	8,107,103	8,287,605	8,482,103	8,482,103	8,482,103	8,482,103
LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network	-	256,382	250,000	256,382	256,382	256,382	256,382
Counsel for Domestic Violence	937,500	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000
Outreach Services for Norwich	-	-	-	-	-	675,000	675,000
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	-	-	-	-	-	4,471,229	4,471,229
Agency Total - General Fund	580,067,393	590,402,556	605,217,667	619,913,486	625,689,652	646,525,059	650,971,309
Foreclosure Mediation Program	2,137,371	2,040,196	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656
Agency Total - Banking Fund	2,137,371	2,040,196	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656
Criminal Injuries Compensation	2,025,222	1,793,846	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088
Agency Total - Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	2,025,222	1,793,846	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088
Total - Appropriated Funds	584,229,986	594,236,598	610,310,411	625,006,230	630,782,396	651,617,803	656,064,053

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Victim Support

Other Expenses	-	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	-
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	-	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	-
Total - General Fund	-	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	-

Governor

Provide funding of \$2.5 million in FY 27 to expand support for victims of child abuse and sexual assault. \$1.25 million will be provided to Connecticut Children's Alliance and \$1.25 million will be provided to CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

Committee

Provide funding of \$2.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to the above organizations.

Provide Funding for Right to Counsel

Legal Aid	-	-	1,750,000	2,500,000	1,750,000	2,500,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	1,750,000	2,500,000	1,750,000	2,500,000

Background

PA 21-34 created the Right to Counsel Program, which is currently administered by the Connecticut Bar Foundation using ARPA funds that will expire on December 31, 2026.

Committee

Provide funding of \$1.75 million in FY 26 and \$2.5 million in FY 27 to the Right to Counsel Program.

Provide Funding for Judges' Salary Increases

Personal Services	-	-	-	1,704,260	-	1,704,260
Probate Court	-	-	-	353,908	-	353,908
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	2,058,168	-	2,058,168

Committee

Provide funding of \$2,058,168 in FY 27 to reflect a 3.5% increase to judicial compensation in FY 27.

Provide Funding for Youth Services Prevention

Youth Services Prevention	-	-	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000

Committee

Provide funding of \$600,000 in both FY 26 and FY 27 for Youth Services Prevention.

Provide Funding for New IT Staff to Support Digital Court Operations

	477,131	477,131	477,131	477,131	-	-
Personal Services	477,131	477,131	477,131	477,131	-	-
Total - General Fund	477,131	477,131	477,131	477,131	-	-
Positions - General Fund	5	5	-	-	(5)	(5)

Governor

Provide funding of \$477,131 in FY 26 and FY 27 for five new IT staff positions in the Judicial Department that will support the enhanced and expanded digital court operations. Five additional positions have also been recommended for this purpose in the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

Committee

Same as Governor, except no new positions are provided.

Provide Funding for Juvenile Planning

Juvenile Planning	-	-	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Committee

Provide funding of \$170,000 for Juvenile Planning in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Transfer and Provide Funding to EMERGE CT

Other Expenses	-	-	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000

Background

EMERGE CT is a construction training program that supports formerly incarcerated individuals.

Committee

Transfer funding of \$500,000 from the Department of Correction (DOC) to the Judicial Department for EMERGE CT in FY 26 and FY 27.

Provide an additional \$100,000 for EMERGE CT in both FY 26 and FY 27.

Increase Funds Exempt from the Statutory Sweep of the Probate Court Administration Fund**Background**

Subsection (j) of CGS 45a-82 allows the Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF) to retain 15% of the projected operating cost for the next fiscal year. The remainder is swept into the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year.

Committee

Increase the amount of funds exempt from the statutory sweep of the Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF) into the General Fund from 15% to 20% of the projected operating cost for the next fiscal year in FY 25 and in FY 26.

Transfer Project Longevity Funding to Norwich Community Development Corporation

Project Longevity	-	-	(675,000)	(675,000)	(675,000)	(675,000)
Outreach Services for Norwich	-	-	675,000	675,000	675,000	675,000
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-

Background

Project Longevity is an initiative between police departments, and community and social service organizations to reduce gun violence.

Committee

Transfer funding of \$675,000 to Norwich Community Development Corporation (NCDC) from Norwich's portion of Project Longevity.

Current Services

Provide Funding for Court Support Services Division Programs

Alternative Incarceration Program	-	-	11,329,555	11,329,555	11,329,555	11,329,555
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	-	-	2,630,944	2,630,944	2,630,944	2,630,944
Juvenile Justice Outreach Services	-	-	1,247,620	1,247,620	1,247,620	1,247,620
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	-	-	4,471,229	4,471,229	4,471,229	4,471,229
Total - General Fund	-	-	19,679,348	19,679,348	19,679,348	19,679,348

Committee

Provide funding of \$19,679,348 to various accounts in FY 26 and in FY 27 to fund services administered by the Court Support Services Division (CSSD).

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

Personal Services	3,800,000	3,800,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	200,000	200,000
Other Expenses	4,000,000	4,000,000	5,700,000	5,700,000	1,700,000	1,700,000
Total - General Fund	7,800,000	7,800,000	9,700,000	9,700,000	1,900,000	1,900,000

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Governor

Provide funding of \$7.8 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Committee

Provide funding of \$9.7 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Annualize Cost of 13 Superior Court Judges

	2,613,299	2,613,299	2,613,299	2,613,299	-	-
Personal Services	2,613,299	2,613,299	2,613,299	2,613,299	-	-
Total - General Fund	2,613,299	2,613,299	2,613,299	2,613,299	-	-
Positions - General Fund	13	13	-	-	(13)	(13)

Background

In January 2025, Governor Lamont appointed 13 new judges to the Superior Court.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,613,299 in FY 26 and FY 27 for 13 Superior Court judge positions.

Committee

Same as Governor, except no new positions are provided.

Provide Funding for Additional Judicial Marshals

Personal Services	1,175,551	4,451,717	587,776	2,225,858	(587,775)	(2,225,859)
Total - General Fund	1,175,551	4,451,717	587,776	2,225,858	(587,775)	(2,225,859)

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,175,551 in FY 26 and \$4,451,717 in FY 27 for 60 new judicial marshals in FY 26 and an additional 60 in FY 27.

Committee

Provide funding of \$587,776 in FY 26 and \$2,225,858 in FY 27 for 30 new judicial marshals in FY 26 and an additional 30 in FY 27.

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Alternative Incarceration Program	1,162,860	1,162,860	1,162,860	1,162,860	-	-
Justice Education Center, Inc.	12,852	12,852	12,852	12,852	-	-
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	553,555	553,555	553,555	553,555	-	-
Children of Incarcerated Parents	13,509	13,509	13,509	13,509	-	-
Youth Violence Initiative	139,211	139,211	139,211	139,211	-	-
Project Longevity	121,882	121,882	121,882	121,882	-	-
Juvenile Justice Outreach Services	425,089	425,089	425,089	425,089	-	-
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	194,498	194,498	194,498	194,498	-	-
LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network	6,382	6,382	6,382	6,382	-	-
Total - General Fund	2,629,838	2,629,838	2,629,838	2,629,838	-	-

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental Services, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veterans Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,629,838 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding from Alternative Incarceration Program to Juvenile Alternative Incarceration

Alternative Incarceration Program	(750,000)	(750,000)	(750,000)	(750,000)	-	-
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000	-	-

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Total - General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-

Background

PA 22-115, *An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice and Services, Firearms Background Checks, and Larceny of a Motor Vehicle*, made various changes to juvenile justice related laws. The act (1) changed procedures for when a child is arrested for an alleged delinquent act, (2) expanded an existing law on juvenile serious sexual offender prosecutions to also cover certain homicide and firearm crimes, (3) created an electronic monitoring program, and (4) established a new penalty structure of larceny of a motor vehicle. When associated funding was provided, funds were erroneously provided to the Alternative Incarceration Program account instead of the Juvenile Alternative Incarceration account.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$750,000 from Alternative Incarceration Program account to Juvenile Alternative Incarceration account to correct past error.

Committee

Same as Governor

Transfer Funding of Child Advocacy Services to Children in Placement**Committee**

Transfer funding of \$41,528 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Child Advocates of SW Connecticut to Children in Placement.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	605,217,667	605,217,667	605,217,667	605,217,667	-	-
Policy Revisions	477,131	2,977,131	6,097,131	8,905,299	5,620,000	5,928,168
Current Services	14,218,688	17,494,854	35,210,261	36,848,343	20,991,573	19,353,489
Total Recommended - GF	619,913,486	625,689,652	646,525,059	650,971,309	26,611,573	25,281,657

Positions	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	4,274	4,274	4,274	4,274	-	-
Policy Revisions	5	5	-	-	(5)	(5)
Current Services	13	13	-	-	(13)	(13)
Total Recommended - GF	4,292	4,292	4,274	4,274	(18)	(18)

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
General Fund	451	451	451	451	451	504	504

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 23	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Governor Recommended		Committee	
				FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
Personal Services	48,056,784	49,247,719	51,267,598	54,782,499	54,782,499	58,196,969	58,196,969
Other Expenses	1,559,656	1,561,619	1,565,163	1,565,163	1,565,163	1,565,163	1,565,163
Other Current Expenses							
Assigned Counsel - Criminal	20,837,403	31,313,988	33,764,004	30,508,488	30,508,488	37,784,482	41,354,960
Expert Witnesses	2,316,202	2,575,600	2,775,604	2,775,604	2,775,604	2,775,604	2,775,604
Training And Education	272,039	119,747	119,748	119,748	119,748	119,748	119,748
Agency Total - General Fund	73,042,084	84,818,673	89,492,117	89,751,502	89,751,502	100,441,966	104,012,444

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding to Increase Assigned Counsel Rates

Assigned Counsel - Criminal	-	-	3,570,478	7,140,956	3,570,478	7,140,956
Total - General Fund	-	-	3,570,478	7,140,956	3,570,478	7,140,956

Committee

Provide funding of \$3,570,478 in FY 26 and \$7,140,956 in FY 27 to increase assigned counsel rates by approximately 9.5% in each fiscal year.

Provide Funding for Public Defender Translators

Personal Services	805,516	805,516	805,516	805,516	-	-
Assigned Counsel - Criminal	(805,516)	(805,516)	-	-	805,516	805,516
Total - General Fund	-	-	805,516	805,516	805,516	805,516
Positions - General Fund	-	-	13	13	13	13

Governor

Transfer funding of \$805,516 from the Assigned Counsel account to the Personal Services account in both FY 26 and FY 27 to hire 13 translators.

Committee

Provide funding of \$805,516 to the Personal Services account in both FY 26 and FY 27 to hire 13 translators.

Maintain the Eligibility Threshold of 250% of Federal Poverty Level

Personal Services	(3,414,470)	(3,414,470)	-	-	3,414,470	3,414,470
Assigned Counsel - Criminal	(2,900,000)	(2,900,000)	-	-	2,900,000	2,900,000
Total - General Fund	(6,314,470)	(6,314,470)	-	-	6,314,470	6,314,470
Positions - General Fund	-	-	20	20	20	20

Account	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27

Background

The Public Defender Services Commission (PDS) bases its eligibility thresholds to receive services on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Prior to January 1, 2025, PDS had set the eligibility threshold at 200% of FPL. Section 201 of PA 23-204 raised this threshold to 250% of FPL for an individual to qualify for services.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$6,314,470 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reduce the eligibility threshold from 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 200% of FPL.

Committee

Maintain funding and the eligibility threshold of 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and increase the position count by 20 to reflect current staff.

Current Services

Annualize Funding to Increase Public Defender Eligibility Thresholds

Personal Services	1,964,470	1,964,470	1,964,470	1,964,470	-	-
Assigned Counsel - Criminal	1,450,000	1,450,000	1,450,000	1,450,000	-	-
Total - General Fund	3,414,470	3,414,470	3,414,470	3,414,470	-	-
Positions - General Fund	-	-	20	20	20	20

Background

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Governor

Provide funding of \$3,414,470 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize the costs associated with the increase in the eligibility threshold.

Committee

Same as Governor, except 20 new positions are provided.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	4,159,385	4,159,385	4,159,385	4,159,385	-	-
Total - General Fund	4,159,385	4,159,385	4,159,385	4,159,385	-	-

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$4,159,385 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Committee

Same as Governor

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Assigned Counsel - Criminal	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	-
Total - General Fund	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	-

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Committee

Same as Governor

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	89,492,117	89,492,117	89,492,117	89,492,117	-	-
Policy Revisions	(6,314,470)	(6,314,470)	4,375,994	7,946,472	10,690,464	14,260,942
Current Services	6,573,855	6,573,855	6,573,855	6,573,855	-	-
Total Recommended - GF	89,751,502	89,751,502	100,441,966	104,012,444	10,690,464	14,260,942

Positions	Governor Recommended		Committee		Difference from Governor	
	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	451	451	451	451	-	-
Policy Revisions	-	-	33	33	33	33
Current Services	-	-	20	20	20	20
Total Recommended - GF	451	451	504	504	53	53