

Judiciary - A.8551

Significant increases include:

- \$2 billion for the Judiciary, \$53 million more than last year. This represents a 2.7% increase in spending.
 - \$57 million for the final phase of Indigent Legal Services funding increases, \$17 million more than last year, as was required by Part ZZ of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2009; and
 - \$55 million to continue the increased commitment of the Judiciary to providing Civil Legal Services statewide, \$15 million more than last year;
 - \$8.4 million in additional funding is included for the final phase of Judicial payraise increases, which occurred at the recommendation of the Special Commission on Judicial Compensation in the 2012-2013 fiscal year; ✓
 - \$5 million for 20 new Family Court judges to take the bench in January 2015. This will require separate legislation, after the budget process. There are currently 149 Family Court Judges. This funding would also increase in 2015-2015 fiscal year to \$20 million; and
 - \$2.6 million in additional Personal Service funding is included to reflect an increase in court hours of operation a half an hour each weeknight.
- \$669.1 million for General State Charges to pay fringe benefits of employees of the court system, including all statutorily-required and collectively bargained benefits, \$8.5 million more than last year.