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# Part II

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# CONSENT CALENDAR

# ITEM 0100 LEGISLATURE

The budget should be amended according to the following for the Legislature, including the Senate, Assembly, and the LAO:

0110	0-001-0001 - For support of Senate		<del>91,221,000</del>	91,308,000
Sch	edule:			
(1)	101001-Salaries of Senators	5,031,000		
(2)	317295-Mileage	10,000		
(3)	317292-Expenses	1,320,000		
(4)	500004-Operating Expenses	<del>84,155,000</del>	84,242,000	
(5)	317296-Automotive Expenses	705,000		
0120-011-0001 - For support of Assembly			<del>123,785,000</del>	123,904,000
Sch	edule:			
(1)	101001-Salaries of Assembly Members	9,947,000		
(2)	317295-Mileage	8,000		
(3)	317292-Expenses	2,654,000		
(4)	500004-Operating Expenses	<del>-110,613,000</del>	110,732,000	
(5)	317296-Automotive Expenses	563,000		
	)-021-0001 - For support of Office of the slative Analyst		0	
Sch	edule:			
(1)	Expenses of the Office of the Legislative Analyst	<del>5,934,000</del>	<del>6,234,000</del>	6,108,000
(2)	Transferred from Item 0110-001-0001	<del>-2,969,000</del>	<del>-3,117,000</del>	-3,054,000
(3)	Transferred from Item 0120-011-0001	<del>-2,965,000</del>	<del>-3,117,000</del>	-3,054,000

# ITEM 0160 LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

The Governor's proposed budget includes \$80.1 million for the Legislative Counsel for the budget year, the same level as provided for the current year.

## ITEM 0500 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

The Governor's proposed budget includes \$6.1 million for the Governor's Office for the budget year, the same level as provided for the current year.

# ITEM 0750 LT. GOVERNOR

The Governor's proposed budget includes \$2.7 million for the Lt. Governor for budget year, the same level as provided for the current year.

# ITEMS TO BE HEARD

## ITEM 0250 JUDICIAL

## **ISSUE 1 - JUDICIAL FUNDING**

The Administration requests an increase of \$4.3 million. This includes funding for increases in judges salaries and benefits (\$531,000); employee salaries (\$1.5 million); and increases in security costs provided to the Appellate Courts and the Judicial Council by the California Highway Patrol. It would also decrease the \$9.8 million unallocated reduction proposed in the Governor's Budget by \$1.3 million to \$8.5 million. The revised unallocated reduction will consist of \$5.5 million in one-time savings and \$3.0 million in on-going savings.

## **ITEM 0250 JUDICIAL**

## **ISSUE 2 - TRIAL COURT FACILITIES ACT**

The Administration requests an increase of \$23.3 million and 102 positions to support administration of the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002 (Chapter 1082, Statutes of 2002, SB 1732). Of this amount most (\$23.291 million) would come from the State Trial Court Construction Fund with the \$1,000 (see below) from the Court Facilities Trust Fund. This proposal would provide program and administrative support staffing to begin the transition of court facilities from county to state responsibility. It is estimated that this will involve over 450 buildings. This proposal would include funding of special repairs to maintain usability of the trial court facilities and to funding of costs to provide additional space to support the staffing increase.

#### The Administration proposes Budget Bill Language that reads as follows:

#### 0250-001-3037

The Judicial Council shall provide a workload plan to the Director of Finance for approval prior to the filling of new positions authorized consistent with the augmentation to this item included in the 2004 Budget Act.

## ITEM 0250 JUDICIAL

## **ISSUE 3 - TRIAL COURT FACILITIES TRUST FUND**

As part of the proposal to support the administrative and program staff to implement the Trial Court Facilities Act, the Administration requests an increase of \$1,000 in augmentation of \$23.3 million from the Trial Court Facilities Construction Fund.

#### The Administration proposes Budget Bill Language that reads as follows:

#### 0250-001-3066 Provision:

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of Finance may authorize expenditures in excess of this item for the operation, repair and maintenance of court facilities.

# ITEM 0450 STATE TRIAL COURTS

## **ISSUE - 1 GENERAL FUND INCREASE**

The Administration proposes the increase of \$99.1 million. This consists of increases for \$21.1 million for increases in trial court salaries and benefits; \$23.1 million to pay increased staff retirement contributions; \$28.8 million for increased court security costs by the California Highway Patrol; \$1.5 million for increased costs of county services provided to the courts. This proposal would also increase the unallocated reduction to the courts by \$20 million to \$70 million. The unallocated savings would likely be allocated to the individual courts rather than affect statewide programs within the Judicial Council.

The proposed augmentation is part of a total budget package for the courts that include a number of statutory changes that would result in reductions to the court's costs. These proposals contemplate substantial policy changes. As a result, the subcommittee may want to defer taking action on this proposal until it has completed further discussions on all of the related policy changes.

## **ISSUE 2 - ELECTRONIC REPORTING - TRAILER BILL**

The Administration proposes savings of \$6.4 million from the implementation of electronic recording in the trial courts. This proposal would convert cases to electronic reporting based upon attrition of existing court reporters. The estimated savings was based on use of electronic reporting in all cases except for: motor vehicle, personal injury/property, juvenile dependency, juvenile delinquency and any felony cases. Proposed savings associated with this proposal for 2005-06 is \$13.5 million.

The Administration proposes trailer bill language that would implement changes to current restrictions on electronic recording however it would appear to allow for the use of electronic recording in all criminal matters except for death penalty cases. As a result it is not clear if it is the intention of the Administration to expand the use of electronic reporting beyond that proposed in narrative of the Trial Court's explanation.

The Administration's proposal is a significant policy issue. The subcommittee may want to keep this issue open until it has been properly considered through the policy process, where the details of the proposed trailer bill language has been reviewed and the intent is clarified. In addition, the subcommittee may want to ask the court to report on its efforts to seek consensus for this proposal between the affected stakeholders.

# ITEM 0450 STATE TRIAL COURTS

# ISSUE 3 - REPEAL OF GOVERNMENT EXEMPTION OF FILING FEES - TRAILER BILL

The Administration proposes to eliminate the current exemption to local government on filing fees. The exemption would continue for filings by child support agencies, district attorneys related to child support collections or the enforcement of a child or spousal support order. This proposal is expected to save \$312,000 in the budget year. The collection of these filing fees would offset General Fund support of the trial courts. The Administration proposes to continue the exemption for state agencies even though some of the agencies receive special or federal funds and the collection of the fees under these circumstances would also reduce the State's General Fund obligation. The Administration has argued that the imposition of filing fees would reduce the number of local agency versus local agency lawsuits, which would reduce the court's workload. While the statistics related to this assumption have not been made available to this subcommittee, if true, it would support an argument for removing the exemption for state departments as well as local governments.

This proposal is silent on the removal of any governmental exemption for imposition of copying fees. The subcommittee does not have any information on the fiscal impact of the repeal of this exemption.

The subcommittee may want to defer the consideration of this proposal until, it has been heard by the appropriate policy committee

## **ISSUE 4 - REDUCE PREEMPTORY CHALLENGES - TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE**

The Administration proposes to reduce the number of preemptory challenges in all types of criminal and civil cases. For example, for criminal cases where the possible penalty is death or life without possibility of parole, the number of challenges would be reduced from 20 to 12. In civil cases the number of challenges would be reduced from 6 to 3. The savings of \$372,000 is based upon lower costs associated with fewer number of potential jurors dismissed during the empaneling process. According to the Administration, the change is appropriate due to as the full number of preemptory challenges are rarely used.

This proposal has not been subject to a full policy discussion and the subcommittee may want to defer consideration of this issue until that discussion has been completed.

# ITEM 0450 STATE TRIAL COURTS

## **ISSUE 5 - SMALLER JURY PANELS - TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE**

The Administration proposes mandatory reductions in the size of jury panels. This is estimated to result in savings statewide of \$241,000. While the proposed amendment to the Government Code is not specific, the proposed savings is based upon a fixed jury pool of 35 persons regardless of the type of case . Currently, a sample of jury pools in various counties has found that the average size of the pools ranges from 68 persons for criminal felony cases to 53 persons for criminal misdemeanor cases. This proposal may have resulted from the experience of Los Angeles County which was required to reduce the size of the jury pools in order to address the relatively small number of potential jurists as compared with the number of cases requiring jurors. It is not clear that such a need exists in all counties. Further, it is not clear that the rate of dismissal of potential jurists is sufficiently low to make a 35 person jury pool work well. It is believed that the smaller jury pool will require the courts to substantially reduce the number of hardship exemptions given to potential jury members.

The subcommittee may want to defer a decision on this issue until it has had a complete policy discussion.

## ISSUE 6 - DECREASE OF JURY SIZES - TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE

The Administration proposes to decrease the size of juries in all cases other than death penalties and life without possibility of parole. This is anticipated to result in a savings of \$173,000. The Administration has not provided the subcommittee with information regarding the policy impact of the smaller jury sizes on judicial issues such as the rates of conviction and/or acquittal. The subcommittee may want to defer a decision on this issue until it has had a complete policy review.

# ITEM 0450 STATE TRIAL COURTS

## ISSUE 7 - ELIMINATE JURY PAY FOR GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEES - TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE

The Administration proposes to eliminate jury duty pay for government employees. This proposal would save \$2.3 million. In many governmental agencies, employees continue to receive salary while on jury duty by returning the jury-pay received from the courts.

#### **ISSUE 8 - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING - TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE**

The Administration proposes trailer bill language that would direct the Judicial Council to establish a working group to review trial court collective bargaining issues and make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by November 1, 2004.

The proposed trailer bill does not identify the members of the working group and does not ensure adequate representation from all affected stakeholders. In addition, while it appears that the court is taking some preliminary actions toward it but it is not clear how reasonable it is to expect resolution of this issue by November 1, 2004.

The subcommittee may want defer taking action on this proposal until the participants a working group has been agreed upon by all relevant stakeholders and after there is a more comprehensive policy discussion has been completed.

## ITEM 0450 STATE TRIAL COURTS

## **ISSUE 9 - COSTS OF HOMICIDE TRIALS**

The Administration proposes the transfer of \$254,000 from Item 8180-101-0001 for the reimbursement of the cost of a prior homicide trial. These costs were incurred prior to the transfer of responsibility of the trial courts from the counties to the State. The Administration also proposes budget bill language that would limit reimbursement to extraordinary costs of homicide trials. Since the original costs that generated the claim have already been paid it would appear that the requirement would apply to future costs. In addition it would require the Judicial Council to consider the needs of all courts in the distribution of funds. In addition, the Administration proposes trailer bill language that would prohibit the use of funds from Item 8180-001-0001 to fund the costs of homicide trials by the courts.

As the costs associated with homicide trials that are subject to this proposal have likely been paid with other funds arguably with redirected funds, it not clear why there should be a requirement as proposed in the budget bill language, upon the use of these funds in the future.

The long term issue of reimbursement of counties for extraordinary costs associated with homicide trials is established in statute. Upon enactment of these provisions, they included funds for the courts. Upon the transfer of fiscal responsibility for the trial courts from the counties to the state, the mechanism for addressing the costs by the court for these extraordinary costs, particularly in smaller counties have not been fully addressed.

The subcommittee may want to allow a policy discussion to occur prior to making a decision on this issue.

# ITEM 0550 YOUTH AND ADULT CORRECTIONAL AGENCY

## **ISSUE 1 - AGENCY OVERSIGHT**

The Administration proposes the increase of \$1.7 million from the General Fund and a reduction of \$258,000 in order to provide agency oversight of policy direction. Funding for this proposal includes a corresponding reduction in the budget of Department of Correction (\$1.5 million) and the Department of Youth Authority (\$200.000).

## ITEM 0552 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

## **ISSUE 1 - RESTORED FUNDING**

The Administration proposes an increase of \$4.9 million and 25 positions to support the Office of Inspector General. This would be in support of the new Office of Independent Review (OIR) created to address the settlement in the Madrid lawsuit. The OIR would be based upon a model designed by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and would oversee the Office of Investigative Services at the Department of Corrections and the Office of Internal Affairs at the Department of Youth Authority. This proposal would support a portion of the Office's workload as the cases would be accepted on a prospective basis. Based upon current projections of full workload of OIR it is expected that the Office will require an additional 25 positions when it assumes responsibility for all of the cases under its jurisdiction. This augmentation is in addition to \$3.3 million and 28 positions previously proposed by the Administration.

# ITEM 0690 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

## ISSUE 1 - STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT, LAW ENFORCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM - ADMINISTRATION

The Administration proposes an increase in federal funding of \$519,000 so that the Office of Emergency Services may charge administrative costs to the State Homeland Security Grant Program, the Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program and the Citizens' Corps Program.

# ITEM 0690 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

### ISSUE 2 - CALIFORNIA ANTI-TERRORISM INFORMATION CENTER - BUDGET BILL LANGUAGE

The Administration proposes an increase of \$2 million in federal funds and 13 position to support the Office of Homeland Security. It would also require the Director of Homeland Security to report to the Department of Finance on the effectiveness of the California Anti-Terrorism Information Center by October 1, 2004.

The subcommittee may want to include notification to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the fiscal committees of each house as part of the Budget Bill Language.

#### Proposed BBL

- 1. The Director of Homeland Security shall prepare a report for and transmit it to the Director of the Department of Finance, the Chair of the Joint Legislative Budget Committee, and the Chair and Vice Chairs of the fiscal committees in the Assembly and Senate, by October 1, 2004, on the effectiveness of the California Anti-Terrorism Information Center (CATIC). This report shall include: how the CATIC funds are being spend by the Department of Justice, whether or not CATIC is meeting the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Governor's Office and the Department of Justice; what should CATIC be focusing on to make them more effective; and recommendations related to the future of CATIC. The recommendation of the report shall be used in the preparation of the 2005-06 Governor's Budget regarding the use and appropriate placement of CATIC funds and resources.
- 2. CATIC shall enter into a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Governor's Office that identifies the current mission of CATIC and the operations of a joint State terrorism threat assessment center. Within 60 days of enactment of this MOU, CATIC shall provide a report on the mission of the agency to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the chair and vice chair of the vice chair of the fiscal committees in the Assembly and Senate.

# ITEM 0690 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

#### **ISSUE 3 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES**

The Administration proposes a decrease of \$4.1 million from the budget of the Office of Emergency Services to reflect a lower estimate of claims to the State associated with the Southern California wildfires.

# ITEM 0690 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

## ISSUE 4 - STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM, LAW ENFOCEMENT TERRORISM PREVENTION PROGRAM, CITIZENS' CORPS PROGRAM, URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE

The Administration proposes an increase in local assistance funding of \$158 million associated with the State Homeland Security Grant, Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, Citizens' Corps and Urban Area Security Initiative.

# ITEM 0690 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

## **ISSUE 5 - DISASTER ASSISTANCE DIVISION**

The Administration proposes a redirection of \$256,000 in General Fund to support services in the California Specialized Training Institute within the Disaster Assistance Division.

## ISSUE 1 - FLOOD LITIGATION WORKLOAD- BUDGET BILL LANGUAGE

The Administration proposes an increase of \$1.5 million and 9.4 positions in support of litigation related to the California floods in 1986 and 1997. The 1986 floods along the Yuba and Feather Rivers resulted in a class action lawsuit with approximately 3,000 plaintiffs. In March 2004, the California Supreme Court turned down the State's petition. The funds proposed would be used to craft a settlement between the state and the plaintiffs. Costs to settle this case is in the \$300 million range.

The 1986 floods at Strawberry Manor in Sacramento resulting in litigation referred to as the Clemons case. The plaintiffs have currently petitioned the Third District Court of Appeals and is expected to carry their plea to the California Supreme Court. The funds proposed would be used to craft a settlement between the state and the plaintiffs.

The 1997 floods in litigation against the state referred to as the McMahan case. After a change in venue, it is scheduled for trial in October 2004. Plaintiffs claim approximately 700 homes and businesses were flooded and are claiming \$1 billion in damage. Settlement costs for this case is estimated to be in the \$100 million range.

## ITEM 0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## **ISSUE 2 - GENERAL FUND AUGMENTATION**

The Administration proposes an increase in authority of \$7.3 million from the General Fund to support increasing workload in Criminal Law, Civil Law and Public Rights Law Divisions that have not been adequately funded in the past fiscal years. The total shortfall in funding is \$11.3 million however, the General Fund was found to have annually absorbed \$4.0 million in administrative costs that will now be shifted to special fund client agencies. As a result, the Administration proposes an increase in hourly fees the Attorney General charges its clients by \$7 per hour to \$139 per hour.

The \$11.3 million shortfall will be allocated to the Civil Law Division (\$4.6 million), Criminal Law Division (\$3.7 million) and the Public Rights Divisions (\$3 million). This augmentation will partially restore reductions of \$19.2 million in previous budgets (\$9.5 million to the Criminal Law Division, \$4.2 million to the Civil Law Division and \$5.5 million to the Public Rights Division). The Criminal Law Division will receive an additional \$2.5 million in relief from the unallocated reduction proposal (see Items #3 through #6) that is part of the May Revision. This would bring the total relief to the legal divisions to \$13.8 million.

The Administration has not proposed an adjustment of the rate charged to client agencies for paralegal or investigative services.

## **ISSUE 3 - GENERAL FUND REDUCTION - DIVISON OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

The Administration proposes a reduction of General Fund authority of \$3.6 million and 34 positions from the Division of Law Enforcement. This is part of a package to restore \$2.5 million to the Criminal Law Division.

## ITEM 0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# ISSUE 4 - GENERAL FUND REDUCTION - CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

The Administration proposes the reduction of General Fund authority of \$1.8 million from the Criminal Justice Information Services Division. This will result in reductions of operating and equipment expenses. This proposal is part of a package to restore \$2.5 million to the Criminal Law Division.

## ITEM 0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## **ISSUE 5 - GENERAL FUND REDUCTION - FIREARMS DIVISION**

The Administration proposes the reduction of General Fund authority of \$83,000 from the Firearms Division. This will result in the reduction of general operating expenses for the division. This proposal is part of a package to restore \$2.5 million to the Criminal Law Division.

## **ISSUE 6 - GENERAL FUND REDUCTION - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION**

The Administration proposes the reduction of 7.8 temporary help positions. This is part of package to redirect \$2.5 million to the Criminal Law Division.

# ITEM 0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## ISSUE 7 - ARMED PROHIBITED PERSONS SYSTEM - REAPPOPRIATION -BUDGET BILL LANGUAGE - BUDGET BILL LANGUAGE

The Administration proposes the reappropriation of \$2.6 million from the General Fund to continue development of the Armed Prohibited Persons System Database. This proposal has conforming Budget Bill Language.

# ITEM 0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## **ISSUE 8 - LITIGATION DEPOSIT FUND OVERSIGHT - TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE**

The Administration proposes trailer bill language that would require the Department of Justice to submit quarterly reports regarding the fiscal activity of the Litigation Deposit Fund and would require the Department of Finance approval prior to any expenditure for litigation costs incurred by the department.

The subcommittee may want to require the Department of Justice to report to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the fiscal committees in the Assembly and Senate as well as the Department of Justice.

# ISSUE 9 - CONTROL SECTION 5.30 FOR ATTORNEY HOUR RATES - BUDGET BILL LANGUAGE

The Administration proposes to add Control Section 5.30 that would allow the Department of Finance to augment the non-General Fund budget of any department pay for the increased hourly attorney rates charged by the Attorney General. The increase would be authorized after a 30-day notice to the Legislature. Client departments would be required to have sufficient funds to support the increase in augmentation but would not be able to raise fees.

## ITEM 0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# ISSUE - 10 REAPPROPRIATION FOR SANTA BARBARA FORENSIC LABORATORY

The Administration proposes to reappropriate \$5.5 million in funds related to the construction of the Santa Barbara forensic laboratory. In addition, the Administration proposes an additional \$8.1 million to reflect higher than anticipated costs to build the laboratory to make \$13.6 million in total funds available.

## ITEM 0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## ISSUE 11 - TRAILER BILL LANGUAGE - CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

The Attorney General proposes changes to Section 10212.8 of the Code of Civil Procedure that would allow the additional recovery of hundreds of thousands of dollars a year that would reduce the need for General Fund support for the department's Public Rights Division's legal activities.

#### This proposal would insert:

Sections17537.3 and 22963 of the Business and Professions Code; Section 25000 et. seq of the Corporations Code (the Corporate Securities Law of 1968) Section 29500 et. seq of the Corporations Code (the California Commodity Law of 1990), Sections, 1615 of the Fish and Game Code, Section 16147 of the Government Code. Sections 39674, 41513, 42402, 42402.1,42402.2, 42402.3,42402.4, 43016,43017,43154,104557 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 30101.7 of the Revenue and Tax Code Sections 2774.1, 4601.1, 4603, 4605 of the Public Resources Code Sections 13261,13262,13264,13265,13268,13304,13331 of the Water Code

This proposal would remove: Section 1603.1 of the Fish and Game Code.

The subcommittee may want to ask the Department of Finance to determine whether the proposed change would reduce fiscal pressures to the General Fund.

# ITEM 0820 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## **ISSUE 12 - DEALTH PENALTY CASES - WORLD COURT DECISION**

On March 31, 2004, in a case brought up by the Mexican Government, the International Court of Justice had ruled that the United States had breached its obligations to 51 Mexican nationals sentenced to death and to the Country of Mexico under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. As a result, the court had directed the United States to review the cases and reconsider the convictions of these Mexican nationals upon whom the complaint was filed.

Mexico had filed suit in the International Court of Justice in the Hague, Netherlands saying that 52 convicted murders were denied their right to communicate with a representative of their native government during investigative and legal proceedings. The court had denied the claim for only one of the prisoners, Ramon Salcido convicted of multiple murders in Sonoma County, because he had claimed to be a United States citizen.

The Attorney General has stated that it believes that California law precedes international law, and will address the cases of the affected parties only as they come up through the court system.

# ITEM 5430 BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

# ISSUE 1 - VIOLENT OFFENDER INCARCERATION/ TRUTH IN SENTENCING GRANT

The Administration proposes the reappropriation of \$6.3 million in federal funds for the Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth in Sentencing Grant program.

# ITEM 5430 BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

## **ISSUE 2 - ADMINSTRATIVE COSTS - TRANSFER TO FEDERAL FUNDS**

The Administration proposes the reduction of funding for administrative cost from fees (proposal to charge these fees were rejected by the Assembly) and increase federal funds by \$301,000 and a redirection of \$300,000 in other federal funds.

# ITEM 5430 BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

## **ISSUE 3 - JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORMS**

The Administration proposes \$500,000 to develop recommendations regarding the state-local relationship on juvenile justice programs. At this time, additional information is being sought on this proposal.

The subcommittee may want to defer action on this issue until additional information becomes available.

# ITEM 5430 BOARD OF CORRECTIONS

## **ISSUE 4 - REDUCTION OF TRANSFERRED POSITIONS**

The Administration proposes to reduce the number of persons at the Board by 9.8 positions These positions were originally transferred from the Office of Criminal Justice Planning to support juvenile justice grants. This function will be performed with redirected positions associated with expiring grants.