

# Judicial Branch Appropriations Bill

## Senate File 648

Last Action:

**Final Action**

May 14, 2025

**An Act relating to and making appropriations to the Judicial Branch including judicial officer salaries and interpreter or translator fees, and including effective date provisions.**

**Fiscal Services Division**  
**Legislative Services Agency**

### **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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**FUNDING SUMMARY**

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**General Fund FY 2026:** Appropriates a total of \$221.8 million from the General Fund to the Judicial Branch for FY 2026. This is an increase of \$1.7 million compared to estimated net FY 2025. The appropriations include the following:

- \$202.7 million for general operations within the Judicial Branch.
- \$3.6 million to the Jury Witness Fee Revolving Fund.
- \$3.3 million for court-ordered services.
- \$12.3 million for juvenile delinquent graduated sanctions services.

The Judicial Branch has 1,899.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions that are not appropriated in this Bill. This is no change in FTE positions compared to estimated net FY 2025.

**MAJOR INCREASES/DECREASES/TRANSFERS OF EXISTING PROGRAMS**

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**Judicial Branch:** Appropriates \$202.7 million to the Judicial Branch for operations. This is an increase of \$1.7 million compared to estimated net FY 2025 that includes a 2.5% salary increase for all judges and magistrates.

Page 1, Line 9

Requires appropriations to be distributed among the judicial districts, as determined by the State Court Administrator, within 30 days of the date on which the annual census data is released.

Page 2, Line 3

Requires the Judicial Branch to increase the annual salary rates of all judges and magistrates to the amounts specified in the Bill starting in FY 2026. Requires that the salaries be paid from funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch pursuant to this Bill or any other Act of the General Assembly.

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**STUDIES AND INTENT**

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*Intent*

Prohibits a district or juvenile court from ordering any service that is a charge to the State pursuant to Iowa Code section [232.141](#) if there are insufficient funds to pay for the service. Requires the Chief Juvenile Court Officer to use the funds in a manner that will cover the entire fiscal year and permits funds to be transferred between districts.

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Prohibits a district or juvenile court from ordering a county to pay for a service provided to a juvenile that is chargeable to the State under Iowa Code section [232.141](#)(4).

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
JUDICIAL BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Prohibits the Judicial Branch from duplicating current State payroll, budgeting, and accounting systems, except for the purposes of internal processing. Page 3, Line 23

Requires the Judicial Branch to focus efforts on collecting delinquent fines and fees. Page 4, Line 4

Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the offices of the clerks of the district court operate in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably possible to address the relative needs of the citizens of each county. Requires that an office of the clerk of the district court be open during regular courthouse hours. Page 4, Line 7

Permits parties to a civil case, including a jury trial, to move the case to a contiguous county during FY 2026 if all parties in a case agree, even if the contiguous county is located in an adjacent judicial district. Specifies that if the trial is moved to an adjacent judicial district, the judicial officers within the adjacent district must preside over the case. Page 5, Line 4

Permits a judicial officer to waive travel reimbursement for any official judicial business travel outside the county of residence of the judicial officer during FY 2026. Page 5, Line 13

Permits the Supreme Court to order judicial officers to take unpaid leave in the same manner as noncontract employees of the Judicial Branch during FY 2026. Page 5, Line 18

Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Judicial Branch use the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) or other secure electronic communications instead of traveling during FY 2026. Page 5, Line 32

***Nonreversion***

Allows any unexpended funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch for court-ordered services from the General Fund to remain available for expenditure through FY 2029. Page 3, Line 4

Allows any unexpended funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch for Juvenile Court Services from the General Fund to remain available for expenditure through FY 2029. Page 3, Line 18

***Required Reports***

Requires the Judicial Branch to submit monthly financial statements for all appropriated accounts to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA) and to the Department of Management (DOM). Specifies the format and content to be included in the financial statements. Page 3, Line 29

Requires the Judicial Branch to notify the LSA prior to any intradepartmental transfer of funds and specifies the contents to be included in the notice. Page 4, Line 13

Requires the Judicial Branch to provide a semiannual report to the LSA and the DOM specifying the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa Court Information System (ICIS). Page 4, Line 22  
Requires the Judicial Branch to continue to share vital sentencing and other information with other State departments and government agencies involved with the criminal justice system through the ICIS.

Requires the Judicial Branch to provide a report to the General Assembly and the DOM by January 1, 2026, specifying funds received and expended from the Court Technology and Modernization Fund during FY 2025 and the plans for expenditures from the Fund during FY 2026. Page 4, Line 31

**SIGNIFICANT CODE CHANGES**

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Adds interpreter and translator fees to the types of fees deposited into the Jury and Witness Revolving Fund. Page 7, Line 12

Adds interpreter and translator fees to the list of court debt exempt from a collection fee on cases assigned to the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR). Page 7, Line 34

Adds interpreter and translator fees to the list of court debt exempt from a collection fee on cases assigned to a county attorney. Page 8, Line 13

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

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Provides that Section 6 of the Bill enacting salaries for State court justices, judges, and magistrates takes effect June 20, 2025 (the first pay period of FY 2026). Page 7, Line 7

Senate File 648 provides for the following changes to the Code of Iowa.

<b>Page #</b>	<b>Line #</b>	<b>Bill Section</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Code Section</b>
7	12	8	Amend	602.1302.3
7	34	9	Amend	602.8107.3.b
8	13	10	Amend	602.8107.4.a

1 1 DIVISION I  
1 2 FY 2025-2026 APPROPRIATIONS

1 3 Section 1. JUDICIAL BRANCH.

1 4 1. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state  
1 5 to the judicial branch for the fiscal year beginning July 1,  
1 6 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the following amounts, or so  
1 7 much thereof as is necessary, to be used for the purposes  
1 8 designated:

1 9 a. For salaries of supreme court justices, appellate court  
1 10 judges, district court judges, district associate judges,  
1 11 associate juvenile judges, associate probate judges, judicial  
1 12 magistrates and staff, state court administrator, clerk of  
1 13 the supreme court, district court administrators, clerks of  
1 14 the district court, juvenile court officers, board of law  
1 15 examiners, board of examiners of shorthand reporters, and  
1 16 commission on judicial qualifications; receipt and disbursement  
1 17 of child support payments; reimbursement of the auditor  
1 18 of state for expenses incurred in completing audits of the  
1 19 offices of the clerks of the district court during the fiscal  
1 20 year beginning July 1, 2025; and maintenance, equipment, and  
1 21 miscellaneous purposes:  
1 22 ..... \$ 202,691,378

General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Branch for operations.

DETAIL: This is an increase of \$1,672,500 compared to estimated net FY 2025 for increased operation costs within the Judicial Branch and a 2.50% salary increase for all judges and magistrates.

NOTE: For FY 2026, the full-time equivalent (FTE) positions for the Judicial Branch are not appropriated in this Bill but can be found within the FTE positions tracking spreadsheet attached to this document.

1 23 b. For deposit in the revolving fund created pursuant to  
1 24 section 602.1302, subsection 3, for jury and witness fees,  
1 25 mileage, costs related to summoning jurors, costs and fees for  
1 26 interpreters and translators, and reimbursement of attorney  
1 27 fees paid by the state public defender:  
1 28 ..... \$ 3,600,000

General Fund appropriation to the Jury and Witness Fee Revolving Fund for the reimbursement of juror and witness fees, mileage, costs related to summoning jurors, interpreters, translators, and reimbursement of attorney fees paid by the Office of the State Public Defender.

DETAIL: This is no change in funding compared to estimated net FY 2025.

1 29 c. For payment of expenses for court-ordered services  
1 30 provided to juveniles who are under the supervision of juvenile  
1 31 court services, which expenses are a charge upon the state  
1 32 pursuant to section 232.141, subsection 4:  
1 33 ..... \$ 3,290,000

General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Branch for court-ordered services provided to juveniles.

DETAIL: This is no change in funding compared to estimated net FY 2025.

1 34 (1) Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,  
 1 35 no more than \$1,556,000 is allocated to provide school-based  
 2 1 supervision of children under chapter 232, of which no more  
 2 2 than \$25,000 may be used for purposes of training.

Allocates no more than \$1,556,000 for school-based supervision of delinquent children, of which \$25,000 may be used for training. A portion of the cost for school-based liaisons is required to be paid by school districts.

DETAIL: The overall allocation is no change compared to estimated net FY 2025.

2 3 (2) Notwithstanding section 232.141 or any other provision  
 2 4 of law to the contrary, the moneys appropriated in this  
 2 5 lettered paragraph shall be distributed to the judicial  
 2 6 districts as determined by the state court administrator. The  
 2 7 state court administrator shall make the determination of the  
 2 8 distribution amounts within thirty days of the date on which  
 2 9 the annual census data is released.

Requires appropriations to be distributed among the judicial districts, as determined by the State Court Administrator, within 30 days of the date on which the annual census data is released.

2 10 (3) Notwithstanding chapter 232 or any other provision of  
 2 11 law to the contrary, a district or juvenile court shall not  
 2 12 order any service which is a charge upon the state pursuant  
 2 13 to section 232.141 if there are insufficient court-ordered  
 2 14 services moneys available in the district court distribution  
 2 15 amounts to pay for the service. The chief juvenile court  
 2 16 officer shall encourage use of the moneys appropriated in this  
 2 17 lettered paragraph such that there are sufficient moneys to pay  
 2 18 for all court-ordered services during the entire fiscal year.  
 2 19 The chief juvenile court officer shall attempt to anticipate  
 2 20 potential surpluses and shortfalls in the distribution amounts  
 2 21 and shall cooperatively request the state court administrator  
 2 22 to transfer moneys between the judicial districts' distribution  
 2 23 amounts as prudent.

Prohibits a district or juvenile court from ordering any service that is a charge to the State pursuant to Iowa Code section [232.141](#) if there are insufficient funds to pay for the service. Requires the Chief Juvenile Court Officer to use the funds in a manner that will cover the entire fiscal year and permits funds to be transferred between districts.

2 24 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
 2 25 a district or juvenile court shall not order a county to pay  
 2 26 for any service provided to a juvenile pursuant to an order  
 2 27 entered under chapter 232 which is a charge upon the state  
 2 28 under section 232.141, subsection 4.

Prohibits a district or juvenile court from ordering a county to pay for a service provided to a juvenile that is chargeable to the State under Iowa Code section 232.141(4).

2 29 (5) Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,  
 2 30 no more than \$83,000 may be used by the judicial branch  
 2 31 for administration of the requirements under this lettered  
 2 32 paragraph.

Allocates no more than \$83,000 to the Judicial Branch for administration related to court-ordered services.

DETAIL: This is no change in funding compared to estimated net FY 2025.

2 33 (6) Of the moneys appropriated in this lettered paragraph,  
 2 34 an amount not to exceed the actual cost of the annual  
 2 35 membership fee is allocated to the judicial branch to support  
 3 1 the interstate commission for juveniles in accordance with  
 3 2 the interstate compact for juveniles as provided in section  
 3 3 232.173.

Allocates moneys to the Judicial Branch to be used to support the Interstate Commission for Juveniles in accordance with the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

3 4 (7) Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 3 5 this lettered paragraph that remain unencumbered or unobligated  
 3 6 at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall  
 3 7 remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated  
 3 8 until the close of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2028.

CODE: Allows any unexpended funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch for court-ordered services from the General Fund to remain available for expenditure through FY 2029.

3 9 d. For juvenile delinquent graduated sanctions services  
 3 10 pursuant to section 232.192:  
 3 11 ..... \$ 12,253,000

General Fund appropriation to the Judicial Branch for juvenile delinquent graduated sanctions services.

DETAIL: This is no change in funding compared to estimated net FY 2025.

3 12 (1) Any state moneys saved as a result of efforts by  
 3 13 juvenile court services to earn a federal fund match pursuant  
 3 14 to Tit.IV-E of the federal Family First Prevention Services  
 3 15 Act of 2018, Pub.L.No.115-123, for juvenile court services  
 3 16 administration is appropriated to the judicial branch for  
 3 17 purposes of this lettered paragraph.

Appropriates to the Judicial Branch any moneys saved as a result of efforts by Juvenile Court Services to earn a federal fund match pursuant to Tit. IV-E of the federal [Family First Prevention Services Act](#) for Juvenile Court Services administration.

3 18 (2) Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in  
 3 19 this lettered paragraph that remain unencumbered or unobligated  
 3 20 at the close of the fiscal year shall not revert but shall  
 3 21 remain available for expenditure for the purposes designated  
 3 22 until the close of the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2028.

CODE: Allows any unexpended funds appropriated to the Judicial Branch for Juvenile Court Services from the General Fund to remain available for expenditure through FY 2029.

3 23 2. The judicial branch, except for purposes of internal  
 3 24 processing, shall use the current state budget system, the  
 3 25 state payroll system, and the Iowa finance and accounting  
 3 26 system in administration of programs and payments for services,  
 3 27 and shall not duplicate the state payroll, accounting, and  
 3 28 budgeting systems.

Prohibits the Judicial Branch from duplicating current State payroll, budgeting, and accounting systems, except for the purposes of internal processing.

3 29 3. The judicial branch shall submit monthly financial  
 3 30 statements to the legislative services agency and the

Requires the Judicial Branch to submit monthly financial statements for all appropriated accounts to the Legislative Services Agency (LSA)

3 31 department of management containing all appropriated accounts  
3 32 in the same manner as provided in the monthly financial status  
3 33 reports and personal services usage reports of the department  
3 34 of administrative services. The monthly financial statements  
3 35 shall include a comparison of the dollars and percentage  
4 1 spent of budgeted versus actual revenues and expenditures on  
4 2 a cumulative basis for full-time equivalent positions and  
4 3 dollars.

and to the Department of Management (DOM). Specifies the format and content to be included in the financial statements.

4 4 4. The judicial branch shall focus efforts upon the  
4 5 collection of delinquent fines, penalties, court costs, fees,  
4 6 surcharges, or similar amounts.

Requires the Judicial Branch to focus efforts on collecting delinquent fines and fees.

4 7 5. It is the intent of the general assembly that the offices  
4 8 of the clerks of the district court operate in all 99 counties  
4 9 and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably  
4 10 possible in order to address the relative needs of the citizens  
4 11 of each county. An office of the clerk of the district court  
4 12 shall be open regular courthouse hours.

Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the offices of the clerks of the district court operate in all 99 counties and be accessible to the public as much as is reasonably possible to address the relative needs of the citizens of each county. Requires that an office of the clerk of the district court be open during regular courthouse hours.

4 13 6. In addition to the requirements for transfers under  
4 14 section 8.39, the judicial branch shall not change the  
4 15 appropriations from the amounts appropriated to the judicial  
4 16 branch in this Act, unless notice of the revisions is given to  
4 17 the legislative services agency prior to the effective date.  
4 18 The notice shall include information on the judicial branch's  
4 19 rationale for making the changes and details concerning the  
4 20 workload and performance measures upon which the changes are  
4 21 based.

Requires the Judicial Branch to notify the LSA prior to any intradepartmental transfer of funds and specifies the contents to be included in the notice.

4 22 7. The judicial branch shall submit a semiannual update to  
4 23 the legislative services agency and department of management  
4 24 specifying the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs  
4 25 collected using the Iowa court information system since the  
4 26 last report. The judicial branch shall continue to facilitate  
4 27 the sharing of vital sentencing and other information with  
4 28 other state departments and governmental agencies involved in  
4 29 the criminal justice system through the Iowa court information  
4 30 system.

Requires the Judicial Branch to provide a semiannual report to the LSA and the DOM specifying the amounts of fines, surcharges, and court costs collected using the Iowa Court Information System (ICIS). Requires the Judicial Branch to continue to share vital sentencing and other information with other State departments and government agencies involved with the criminal justice system through the ICIS.

4 31 8. The judicial branch shall provide a report to the general  
4 32 assembly and department of management by January 1, 2026,

Requires the Judicial Branch to provide a report to the General Assembly and the DOM by January 1, 2026, specifying the amounts

<p>4 33 concerning the amounts received and expended from the court  4 34 technology and modernization fund created in section 602.8108,  4 35 subsection 7, during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024,  5 1 and ending June 30, 2025, and the plans for expenditures from  5 2 the fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and  5 3 ending June 30, 2026.</p>	<p>received and expended from the Court Technology and Modernization Fund during FY 2025 and the plans for expenditures from each fund during FY 2026.</p>
<p>5 4 Sec. 2. CIVIL TRIALS — LOCATION. Notwithstanding any  5 5 provision to the contrary, for the fiscal year beginning July  5 6 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, if all parties in a case  5 7 agree, a civil trial including a jury trial may take place in a  5 8 county contiguous to the county with proper jurisdiction, even  5 9 if the contiguous county is located in an adjacent judicial  5 10 district or judicial election district. If the trial is moved  5 11 pursuant to this section, court personnel shall treat the case  5 12 as if a change of venue occurred.</p>	<p>Permits parties to a civil case, including a jury trial, to move the case to a contiguous county during FY 2026 if all parties in a case agree, even if the contiguous county is located in an adjacent judicial district. Specifies that if the trial is moved to an adjacent judicial district, the judicial officers within the adjacent district must preside over the case.</p>
<p>5 13 Sec. 3. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT. Notwithstanding section  5 14 602.1509, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and  5 15 ending June 30, 2026, a judicial officer may waive travel  5 16 reimbursement for any travel outside the judicial officer's  5 17 county of residence to conduct official judicial business.</p>	<p>Permits a judicial officer to waive travel reimbursement for any official judicial business travel outside the county of residence of the judicial officer during FY 2026.</p>
<p>5 18 Sec. 4. JUDICIAL OFFICER — UNPAID LEAVE. Notwithstanding  5 19 the annual salary rates for judicial officers established by  5 20 this division of this Act for the fiscal year beginning July  5 21 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, the supreme court may by  5 22 order place all judicial officers on unpaid leave status on any  5 23 day employees of the judicial branch are placed on temporary  5 24 layoff status. The biweekly pay of the judicial officers shall  5 25 be reduced accordingly for the pay period in which the unpaid  5 26 leave date occurred in the same manner as for noncontract  5 27 employees of the judicial branch. Through the course of the  5 28 fiscal year, the judicial branch may use an amount equal to  5 29 the aggregate amount of salary reductions due to the judicial  5 30 officer unpaid leave days for any purpose other than for  5 31 judicial salaries.</p>	<p>Permits the Supreme Court to order judicial officers to take unpaid leave in the same manner as noncontract employees of the Judicial Branch during FY 2026.</p>
<p>5 32 Sec. 5. IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK. It is the intent  5 33 of the general assembly that the judicial branch utilize  5 34 the Iowa communications network or other secure electronic  5 35 communications in lieu of traveling for the fiscal year</p>	<p>Specifies that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Judicial Branch use the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) or other secure electronic communications instead of traveling during FY 2026.</p>

6 1 beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026.

6 2 Sec. 6. SALARIES — STATE COURT JUSTICES, JUDGES, AND  
6 3 MAGISTRATES.

6 4 1. The salary rates specified in subsection 2 are for the  
6 5 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, effective for the pay  
6 6 period beginning June 20, 2025, and for subsequent fiscal  
6 7 years until otherwise provided by the general assembly. The  
6 8 salaries provided for in this section shall be paid from moneys  
6 9 appropriated to the judicial branch pursuant to this division  
6 10 of this Act or any other Act of the general assembly.

6 11 2. The following annual salary rates shall be paid to the  
6 12 persons holding the judicial positions indicated during the  
6 13 fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, effective with the pay  
6 14 period beginning June 20, 2025, and for subsequent pay periods:

6 15	a. Chief justice of the supreme court:	
6 16	.....	\$ 211,059
6 17	b. Each justice of the supreme court:	
6 18	.....	\$ 201,609
6 19	c. Chief judge of the court of appeals:	
6 20	.....	\$ 189,010
6 21	d. Each associate judge of the court of appeals:	
6 22	.....	\$ 182,709
6 23	e. Each chief judge of a judicial district:	
6 24	.....	\$ 176,409
6 25	f. Each district judge except the chief judge of a judicial	
6 26	district:	
6 27	.....	\$ 170,108
6 28	g. Each district associate judge:	
6 29	.....	\$ 151,208
6 30	h. Each associate juvenile judge:	
6 31	.....	\$ 151,208
6 32	i. Each associate probate judge:	
6 33	.....	\$ 151,208
6 34	j. Each judicial magistrate:	
6 35	.....	\$ 46,621
7 1	k. Each senior judge:	
7 2	.....	\$ 10,080

7 3 3. Persons receiving salary rates established under this  
7 4 section shall not receive any additional salary adjustments  
7 5 provided by this division of this Act or any other Act of the  
7 6 general assembly.

Requires the Judicial Branch to increase the annual salary rates of all judges and magistrates to the amounts specified in the Bill starting with the pay period beginning June 20, 2025 (the first pay period of FY 2026). Requires that the salaries provided for in this Section be paid from moneys appropriated to the Judicial Branch pursuant to this Bill or any other Act of the General Assembly.

DETAIL: The FY 2026 salary rate increase in this Section is 2.50%. The estimated cost of a 2.50% salary increase for all judges and magistrates is \$1,273,083. The most recent salary increase for all judicial officers was 5.00% in FY 2025.

NOTE: All judicial salaries are currently determined by the General Assembly, as required by Iowa Code sections [602.1501](#) and [602.9204](#) (1)(a). The current judicial salary levels, as set in FY 2025, are as follows:

Supreme Court

- Chief Justice: \$205,911
- Justices: \$196,692

Court of Appeals

- Chief Judge: \$184,400
- Judges: \$178,253

District Court

- Chief Judge: \$172,106
- District Judges: \$165,959
- District, Juvenile, and Probate Associates: \$147,520
- Magistrates: \$45,484
- Senior Judges: \$9,834

7 7 Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. The section of this division of  
7 8 this Act enacting salaries for state court justices, judges,  
7 9 and magistrates takes effect June 20, 2025.

Section 6 of the Bill enacting salaries for State court justices, judges, and magistrates takes effect on June 20, 2025 (the first pay period of FY 2026).

7 10 DIVISION II  
7 11 INTERPRETER OR TRANSLATOR FEES

7 12 Sec. 8. Section 602.1302, subsection 3, Code 2025, is  
7 13 amended to read as follows:

CODE: Adds interpreter and translator fees to the types of fees deposited into the Jury and Witness Revolving Fund.

7 14 3. A revolving fund is created in the state treasury for  
7 15 the payment of jury and witness fees, mileage, costs related to  
7 16 summoning jurors by the judicial branch, costs and fees related  
7 17 to the management and payment of interpreters and translators  
7 18 in judicial branch legal proceedings and court-ordered  
7 19 programs, and attorney fees paid by the state public defender  
7 20 for counsel appointed pursuant to section 600A.6A. The  
7 21 judicial branch shall deposit any reimbursements to the state  
7 22 for the payment of jury and witness fees, ~~and~~ mileage fees,  
7 23 and interpreter or translator fees in the revolving fund. In  
7 24 each calendar quarter the judicial branch shall reimburse  
7 25 the state public defender for attorney fees paid pursuant to  
7 26 section 600A.6B. Notwithstanding section 8.33, unencumbered  
7 27 and unobligated receipts in the revolving fund at the end of  
7 28 a fiscal year do not revert to the general fund of the state.  
7 29 The judicial branch shall on or before February 1 file a  
7 30 financial accounting of the moneys in the revolving fund with  
7 31 the legislative services agency. The accounting shall include  
7 32 an estimate of disbursements from the revolving fund for the  
7 33 remainder of the fiscal year and for the next fiscal year.

7 34 Sec. 9. Section 602.8107, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code  
7 35 2025, is amended to read as follows:

CODE: Adds interpreter and translator fees to the list of court debt exempt from a collection fee on cases assigned to the Iowa Department of Revenue (IDR).

8 1 b. The department of revenue shall receive fifteen percent  
8 2 of each court debt payment collected on cases assigned to the  
8 3 department of revenue for collection to reflect the cost of  
8 4 processing and the remaining eighty-five percent of such court  
8 5 debt collected shall be paid to the clerk of the district court  
8 6 for distribution under section 602.8108. The department of  
8 7 revenue collection fee shall not include the amount of court  
8 8 debt collected for restitution involving pecuniary damages, the  
8 9 victim compensation fund, the crime services surcharge, the

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8 10 domestic and sexual abuse crimes surcharge, the agricultural  
8 11 theft surcharge, ~~or~~ the sex offender civil penalty, or  
8 12 interpreter or translator fees.

8 13 Sec. 10. Section 602.8107, subsection 4, paragraph a, Code  
8 14 2025, is amended to read as follows:

8 15 a. This subsection does not apply to amounts collected  
8 16 for restitution involving pecuniary damages, the victim  
8 17 compensation fund, the crime services surcharge, the domestic  
8 18 and sexual abuse crimes surcharge, the agricultural theft  
8 19 surcharge, the sex offender civil penalty, interpreter or  
8 20 translator fees, or under section 421.65.

CODE: Adds interpreter and translator fees to the list of court debt  
exempt from a collection fee on cases assigned to a county attorney.

# Justice System

## General Fund

	Actual FY 2024 (1)	Estimated Net FY 2025 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2026 (3)	Final Action FY 2026 (4)	Final Action vs Est Net FY 2025 (5)	Page and Line # (6)
<b>Judicial Branch</b>						
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Judicial Branch	\$ 193,350,550	\$ 201,018,878	\$ 203,156,222	\$ 202,691,378	\$ 1,672,500	PG 1 LN 9
Jury & Witness Fee Revolving Fund	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	3,600,000	0	PG 1 LN 23
Court-Ordered Services	3,290,000	3,290,000	3,290,000	3,290,000	0	PG 1 LN 29
Graduated Sanctions	12,253,000	12,253,000	12,253,000	12,253,000	0	PG 3 LN 9
<b>Total Judicial Branch</b>	<b>\$ 212,493,550</b>	<b>\$ 220,161,878</b>	<b>\$ 222,299,222</b>	<b>\$ 221,834,378</b>	<b>\$ 1,672,500</b>	
<b>Total Justice System</b>	<b>\$ 212,493,550</b>	<b>\$ 220,161,878</b>	<b>\$ 222,299,222</b>	<b>\$ 221,834,378</b>	<b>\$ 1,672,500</b>	

# Justice System

## FTE Positions

	Actual FY 2024 (1)	Estimated Net FY 2025 (2)	Gov Rec FY 2026 (3)	Final Action FY 2026 (4)	Final Action vs Est Net FY 2025 (5)	Page and Line # (6)
<b><u>Judicial Branch</u></b>						
<b>Judicial Branch</b>						
Judicial Branch	2,581.15	1,887.20	1,887.20	1,887.20	0.00	PG 1 LN 9
Jury & Witness Fee Rev Fund	2.37	2.30	2.30	2.30	0.00	PG 1 LN 23
Graduated Sanctions	8.12	10.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	PG 3 LN 9
<b>Total Judicial Branch</b>	<b>2,591.64</b>	<b>1,899.50</b>	<b>1,899.50</b>	<b>1,899.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Total Justice System</b>	<b>2,591.64</b>	<b>1,899.50</b>	<b>1,899.50</b>	<b>1,899.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	