

Judicial Department

Proposed Adjustments as Introduced (\$ in millions)				
	FY 2019 Proposed		FY 2020 Proposed	
	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>NGF</u>
2016-18 Base Budget, Ch. 836	\$485.6	\$33.3	\$485.6	\$33.3
Proposed Increases	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proposed Decreases	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(1.1)
\$ Net Change	10.4	0.4	10.4	0.4
HB/SB 30, as Introduced	\$496.0	\$33.7	\$496.0	\$33.7
% Change	2.1%	1.2%	2.1%	1.2%
FTEs	3,267.71	104.00	3,267.71	104.00
# Change	0.00	2.00	0.00	2.00

- **Supreme Court of Virginia**

- *Expansion of Mental Health Dockets.* Provides \$500,000 GF each year for the creation of new mental health dockets, or the expansion of existing mental health dockets experiencing large caseloads. There are currently nine mental health dockets operating in the Commonwealth, with two additional dockets in the planning stages. Mental health dockets have not previously received general fund appropriations, but have instead used a combination of asset forfeiture proceeds, federal grants, and local and non-profit funding.
- *Expansion of Drug Courts.* Increases the general fund appropriation for drug treatment court dockets by \$400,000 each year. The funding is provided in order to expand the number of drug treatment courts operating in the Commonwealth. The Supreme Court’s base budget currently includes \$4.2 million GF per year for drug treatment court programs. The proposed language provides that the new funding is to be allocated in a manner prescribed by the Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee.
- *Drug Court Evaluation and Monitoring.* Provides \$175,000 GF each year and two positions to monitor and evaluate drug court programs, and to support grant

applications activities. The Supreme Court currently has one position performing these functions.

- **Circuit Courts**

- *Fund Vacant Judgeship.* Provides \$289,000 GF each year to fund one vacant circuit judgeship, with the intent of filling the vacant judgeship in the 20th Judicial Circuit, serving Loudoun County. The circuit is currently authorized for five judgeships by the *Code of Virginia*, and sufficient funding was provided in Chapter 836 of the 2017 Acts of Assembly to fill a total of four judgeships within the 20th Judicial Circuit.

- **Indigent Defense Commission**

- *Replace Agency Computer Equipment.* Includes \$186,000 GF the first year and \$185,000 GF the second year for the replacement of outdated agency computer equipment. The equipment would be purchased through the Master Equipment Lease Program (MELP), and these amounts reflect the estimated payments for the first two years of a five-year repayment plan. The total cost of purchasing the equipment is \$926,000.

- **Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission**

- *Sharing of Circuit Court Case Information.* Includes a language amendment authorizing the agency to share aggregate case information from circuit court case management systems in order to provide information upon request from the legislature and executive branch staff. Language in the appropriation act currently prohibits the agency from doing so.