

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MADAM PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Judiciary** recommends **SB 364** be amended on page 1, in line 8, by striking "On and after July 1, 2015," and inserting "For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and for each fiscal year thereafter,"; in line 9, by striking "shall" and inserting "may elect to"; in line 12, by striking "shall" and inserting "who elects to"; in line 13, by striking "preparation of the"; also in line 13, by striking "to be submitted" and inserting "shall prepare such budget and submit it"; in line 14, after "thereto." by inserting "On or before August 1, 2014, and each August 1 thereafter, the chief judge shall notify the chief justice if such chief judge is electing to be responsible for the district court budget for the ensuing fiscal year."; in line 17, by striking "operation" and inserting "administration in which the chief judge has elected to be responsible for such budget"; in line 20, after "each" by inserting "such"; also in line 20, by striking "operation" and inserting "administration"; in line 21, after "each" by inserting "such"; also in line 21, after "district." by inserting "On or before June 30 of each fiscal year, the chief judge of each judicial district who elects to be responsible for the budget shall submit to the chief justice such district court's budget for the ensuing fiscal year based upon the dollar amount allocated to such district court by the chief justice for such fiscal year."; in line 32, by striking "each" and inserting "such"; also in line 32, after "district" by inserting "who elects to be responsible for the budget";

Also on page 1, following line 34, by inserting:

"(g) Whenever for any fiscal year it appears that the resources of any special revenue fund of the judicial branch are likely to be insufficient to cover the appropriations made against

such special revenue funds, the chief justice shall be responsible for determining any allotment system so as to assure that expenditures for any particular fiscal year will not exceed the available resources of any special revenue fund of the judicial branch for that fiscal year. All chief judges who are responsible for the district court budget shall follow any allotment system determined by the chief justice for such fiscal year.";

On page 2, in line 5, by striking "take effect on July 1, 1979,"; in line 6, by striking "and shall"; in line 18, after the stricken material by inserting "In establishing the compensation for each type and class of personnel, the supreme court shall take into consideration: (1) The compensation of personnel in the executive branch of state government who have comparable duties and responsibilities; and (2) the compensation of similar personnel in the court systems of other states having comparable size, population and characteristics."; in line 33, by striking "each" and inserting "a"; in line 35, by striking "operations" and inserting "administration pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto";

On page 4, in line 19, after "court" by inserting "pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto";

On page 5, in line 4, before the period by inserting "and, subject to the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto, rules of the supreme court"; in line 13, before the period by inserting "pursuant to the personnel plan of the supreme court or subject to the provisions of section 1, and amendments thereto"; in line 22, before "the" by inserting "staffing limits prescribed by the supreme court and appropriations therefor or"; in line 30, before "chief" by inserting "judicial personnel classification system or the"; also in line 30, after "judge" by inserting ", whichever is applicable";

On page 6, in line 12, before "in" by inserting "either"; in line 14, before "approved" by inserting "plan adopted by the supreme court or"; in line 15, after "appointed" by inserting ", whichever is applicable";

On page 7, in line 13, after "commissioners." by inserting "Chief judges who have not elected to

be responsible for the district court budget pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, shall be subject to the supreme court rules relating to the district court operations payable by the county."; by striking all in lines 29 through 36 and inserting "Except as provided further, the supreme court shall establish a formal pay plan for court reporters serving district judges. Within the limits of legislative appropriations therefor, compensation of court reporters shall be paid by the state in an amount prescribed by the pay plan established by the supreme court. The plan shall detail each reporter's position by classification, pay grade and pay step. Pursuant to section 1, and amendments thereto, compensation of court reporters shall be paid by the state in an amount prescribed by the chief judge of the district court where such reporter serves. No county may supplement the compensation of any court reporter.";

On page 1, in the title, in line 1, by striking "allocating" and inserting "allowing the allocation of"; in line 2, by striking "operation" and inserting "administration"; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson