

LEGISLATURE AND JUDICIARY

Legislature and Judiciary – A.9501

Legislature:

- \$226.2 million for the Legislature, \$4.1 million more than last year. This represents a 1.9% increase in spending.

Judiciary:

- \$2.26 billion for the Judiciary, \$64 million more than last year. This represents a 2.9% increase in spending.

Article VII – A.9505

PUBLIC PROTECTION AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Part B Increase Accountability and Efficiency of Courts This part would require a monthly report from each State-paid judge or justice assigned to a trial court in the Unified Court System. In this report, each judge or justice would be required to state that he or she performed his or her judicial duties at their assigned court for at least eight hours each working day, or that they performed their duties at an authorized court-related activity, or was on authorized leave.

This part would also authorize the State Comptroller to conduct periodic reviews and audits of these reports.

Part BB Provides a Market-Based Interest Rate on Court Judgements and Accrued Claims This would amend the interest rates on court judgements and accrued claims from the current rate of 9% to match the one-year United States treasury bill rate. This would match the current prevailing market rate on court judgements and accrued claims used by the Federal Court System.