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Trial Court Trust Fund Augmentation

Pursuant to Provision 4 of Item 0250-101-0932, 2024 Budget Act, the following report is respectfully submitted.

The Department of Finance has received a request from the Judicial Council to augment Item 0250-101-0932, 2024 Budget Act, by \$41,340,000. The 2024 Budget Act included a reduction of \$96,982,000 General Fund beginning in fiscal year 2024-25 to the trial court budget, consistent with statewide ongoing state operations reductions. The Governor's Budget proposes to restore \$41,340,000 in 2024-25 to mitigate the impact of the reductions to access to justice. In 2024-25, and on a one-time basis, the intent is to access available reserves in the Trial Court Trust Fund for this purpose. Finance agrees with the Judicial Council that there are sufficient reserves in the fund to support this augmentation in 2024-25.

Finance concurs with the necessity of this change to the approved budget and requests a waiver of the 30-day review period to allow the Judicial Council to allocate this partial restoration to the trial courts as soon as possible.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this matter, please call Mark Jimenez, Principal Program Budget Analyst, at (916) 445-8913.

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