

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1742

Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein

February 14, 2014

An act to amend Section 77003 of the Government Code, relating to courts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1742, as introduced, Maienschein. Trial court funding.

Existing law establishes the Trial Court Trust Fund, the proceeds of which are required to be apportioned for authorized purposes, including apportionment to the trial courts to fund trial court operations. Existing law, for the purpose of funding trial court operations, authorizes the Judicial Council to establish bank accounts for the superior courts, into which shall be deposited all moneys appropriated in the Budget Act and allocated or reallocated to each court by the Judicial Council, moneys held in trust, and other moneys as deemed necessary or appropriate. "Court operations" is defined for these purposes.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision defining court operations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 77003 of the Government Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 77003. (a) As used in this chapter, "court operations" means
- 4 all of the following:

1 (1) Salaries, benefits, and public agency retirement contributions
2 for superior court judges and for subordinate judicial officers. ~~For~~
3 (A) For purposes of this paragraph, the term “subordinate
4 judicial officers” includes ~~all~~ both of the following:
5 (i) All commissioner or referee positions created prior to July
6 1, 1997, including positions created in the municipal court prior
7 to July 1, 1997, which thereafter became positions in the superior
8 court as a result of unification of the municipal and superior courts
9 in a county, and including those commissioner positions created
10 pursuant to former Sections 69904, 70141, 70141.9, 70142.11,
11 72607, 73794, 74841.5, and 74908; ~~and includes any.~~
12 (ii) Any staff who provide direct support to commissioners; ~~but~~
13 ~~does.~~
14 (B) “Subordinate judicial officers” does not include
15 commissioners or staff who provide direct support to the
16 commissioners whose positions were created after July 1, 1997,
17 unless approved by the Judicial Council, subject to the availability
18 of funding.
19 (2) The salary, benefits, and public agency retirement
20 contributions for other court staff.
21 (3) Court security, but only to the extent consistent with court
22 responsibilities under Article 8.5 (commencing with Section 69920)
23 of Chapter 5.
24 (4) Court-appointed counsel in juvenile court dependency
25 proceedings and counsel appointed by the court to represent a
26 minor pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 3150)
27 of Part 2 of Division 8 of the Family Code.
28 (5) Services and supplies relating to court operations.
29 (6) Collective bargaining under Sections 71630 and 71639.3
30 with respect to court employees.
31 (7) Subject to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 77212,
32 actual indirect costs for county and city and county general services
33 attributable to court operations, but specifically excluding, but not
34 limited to, law library operations conducted by a trust pursuant to
35 statute; courthouse construction; district attorney services;
36 probation services; indigent criminal defense; grand jury expenses
37 and operations; and pretrial release services.
38 (8) Except as provided in subdivision (b), and subject to Article
39 8.5 (commencing with Section 69920) of Chapter 5, other matters

1 listed as court operations in Rule 10.810 of the California Rules
2 of Court, as it read on January 1, 2007.
3 (b) However, “court operations” does not include collection
4 enhancements as defined in Rule 10.810 of the California Rules
5 of Court, as it read on January 1, 2007.

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