

SUPREME COURT

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY15 Adjusted Base	FY16 Recommended	% Change Over FY15	FY17 Recommended	% Change Over FY16
GPR	14,991,600	15,893,200	6.0	15,929,300	0.2
PR-F	900,000	935,700	4.0	935,700	0.0
PR-O	14,673,800	11,937,000	-18.7	11,947,200	0.1
PR-S	222,600	236,600	6.3	236,800	0.1
SEG-O	740,700	763,000	3.0	764,100	0.1
TOTAL	31,528,700	29,765,500	-5.6	29,813,100	0.2

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY15 Adjusted Base	FY16 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY15	FY17 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY16
GPR	114.50	116.50	2.00	116.50	0.00
PR-F	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
PR-O	93.75	93.75	0.00	93.75	0.00
PR-S	2.50	2.50	0.00	2.50	0.00
SEG-O	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
TOTAL	220.75	222.75	2.00	222.75	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Wisconsin Supreme Court, consisting of seven justices elected to ten-year terms, has original jurisdiction in certain cases of statewide concern and, since August 1978, discretionary appellate jurisdiction on all other issues arising under Wisconsin law. The court considers petitions to review decisions of the Court of Appeals, petitions to bypass the Court of Appeals and certifications from that court. It is the highest tribunal for actions commenced in state courts, except where a federal question allowing an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is raised. It is the final authority on the state constitution.

The constitution provides that the Wisconsin Supreme Court has the superintending and administrative authority over all courts in the state. The chief justice is the administrative head of the state judicial system and exercises this authority both directly and through the director of state courts pursuant to rules adopted by the Supreme Court.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Transfer Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court
2. Supreme Court Block Grant
3. Biennial Appropriation for the Director of State Courts and Law Library
4. Judicial Compensation Commission
5. Eliminate Surcharge Exemptions
6. Funding for the Court Information Systems
7. Standard Budget Adjustments

ITEMS NOT APPROVED

8. Electronic Case Filing Infrastructure
9. Statewide Coordinator Position for Problem-Solving Courts

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**Table 1
Department Budget Summary by Funding Source (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY14	ADJUSTED BASE FY15	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$13,163.8	\$14,991.6	\$16,764.3	\$16,765.0	\$15,893.2	\$15,929.3
State Operations	13,163.8	14,991.6	16,764.3	16,765.0	15,893.2	15,929.3
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	\$840.4	\$900.0	\$935.7	\$935.7	\$935.7	\$935.7
State Operations	840.4	900.0	935.7	935.7	935.7	935.7
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$12,268.5	\$14,896.4	\$12,447.2	\$12,473.2	\$12,173.6	\$12,184.0
State Operations	12,268.5	14,896.4	12,447.2	12,473.2	12,173.6	12,184.0
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	\$201.7	\$740.7	\$763.0	\$764.1	\$763.0	\$764.1
State Operations	201.7	740.7	763.0	764.1	763.0	764.1
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$26,474.4	\$31,528.7	\$30,910.2	\$30,938.0	\$29,765.5	\$29,813.1
State Operations	26,474.4	31,528.7	30,910.2	30,938.0	29,765.5	29,813.1

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

**Table 2
Department Position Summary by Funding Source (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY15	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	114.50	123.50	123.50	116.50	116.50
FEDERAL REVENUE (1)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	96.25	96.25	96.25	96.25	96.25
SEGREGATED REVENUE (3)	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
TOTALS - ANNUAL	220.75	229.75	229.75	222.75	222.75

(1) Includes Program Revenue-Federal and Segregated Revenue-Federal

(2) Includes Program Revenue-Service and Program Revenue-Other

(3) Includes Segregated Revenue-Service, Segregated Revenue-Other and Segregated Revenue-Local

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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**Table 3
Department Budget Summary by Program (in thousands of dollars)**

	ACTUAL FY14	ADJUSTED BASE FY15	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
1. Supreme court proceedings	\$4,660.2	\$5,119.3	\$5,286.8	\$5,292.5	\$5,286.8	\$5,292.5
2. Director of state courts and law library	\$15,676.3	\$19,849.5	\$18,796.6	\$18,789.1	\$20,367.6	\$20,399.0
3. Bar examiners and responsibility; judicial commission	\$3,758.7	\$3,612.1	\$3,809.8	\$3,819.7	\$4,111.1	\$4,121.6
4. Law library	\$2,379.1	\$2,947.8	\$3,017.0	\$3,036.7	\$0.0	\$0.0
TOTALS	\$26,474.4	\$31,528.7	\$30,910.2	\$30,938.0	\$29,765.5	\$29,813.1

**Table 4
Department Position Summary by Program (in FTE positions) (4)**

	ADJUSTED BASE FY15	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY16	FY17	FY16	FY17
1. Supreme court proceedings	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50	38.50
2. Director of state courts and law library	130.25	139.25	139.25	146.75	146.75
3. Bar examiners and responsibility; judicial commission	35.50	35.50	35.50	37.50	37.50
4. Law library	16.50	16.50	16.50	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	220.75	229.75	229.75	222.75	222.75

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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1. Transfer Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY16		FY17		FY16		FY17	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	0	0.00	0	0.00	301,300	2.00	301,900	2.00
TOTAL	0	0.00	0	0.00	301,300	2.00	301,900	2.00

The Governor recommends transferring funding and position authority from the Judicial Commission to the Supreme Court. See Judicial Commission, Item #1.

2. Supreme Court Block Grant

The Governor recommends renaming the Director of State Courts program to the Director of State Courts and Law Library program. The Governor also recommends consolidating funding from the two general program operations appropriations and the judicial planning and research appropriation into the Director of State Courts and Law Library general program operations appropriation. The Governor further recommends transferring the appropriation for library collections and services to the Director of State Courts and Law Library program.

3. Biennial Appropriation for the Director of State Courts and Law Library

The Governor recommends converting the appropriation for general program operations of the Director State Courts and Law Library program from an annual appropriation to a biennial appropriation.

4. Judicial Compensation Commission

The Governor recommends the creation of a Judicial Compensation Commission. The commission shall review and make recommendations to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations regarding the salaries of judges and justices.

5. Eliminate Surcharge Exemptions

The Governor recommends removing existing exemptions from the civil clerk fee and justice information fee for failure to wear a seatbelt, violations related to smoking in a public place, failure to carry proof of motor vehicle insurance and failure to carry a handicap permit. The Governor also recommends adding the intoxicated operation of an aircraft to the list of offenses subject to the blood withdrawal surcharge.

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6. Funding for the Court Information Systems

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY16		FY17		FY16		FY17	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
PR-O	-3,000,000	0.00	-3,000,000	0.00	-3,312,100	0.00	-3,323,700	0.00
TOTAL	-3,000,000	0.00	-3,000,000	0.00	-3,312,100	0.00	-3,323,700	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's court information systems base budget to reflect a reestimate of funding.

7. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY16		FY17		FY16		FY17	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	600,300	0.00	635,800	0.00	600,300	0.00	635,800	0.00
PR-F	35,700	0.00	35,700	0.00	35,700	0.00	35,700	0.00
PR-O	536,800	0.00	562,600	0.00	575,300	0.00	597,100	0.00
PR-S	14,000	0.00	14,200	0.00	14,000	0.00	14,200	0.00
SEG-O	22,300	0.00	23,400	0.00	22,300	0.00	23,400	0.00
TOTAL	1,209,100	0.00	1,271,700	0.00	1,247,600	0.00	1,306,200	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for: (a) full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits (\$1,130,100 in each year); and (b) full funding of lease and directed moves costs (\$117,500 in FY16 and \$176,100 in FY17).

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ITEMS NOT APPROVED

The following requests are not included in the Governor's budget recommendations for the Supreme Court.

Decision Item	Source of Funds	FY16		FY17	
		Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
8. Electronic Case Filing Infrastructure	GPR	1,084,200	8.00	1,049,400	8.00
9. Statewide Coordinator Position for Problem-Solving Courts	GPR	88,200	1.00	88,200	1.00
TOTAL OF ITEMS NOT APPROVED	GPR	1,172,400	9.00	1,137,600	9.00

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