

CIRCUIT COURTS

GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

Source of Funds	FY19 Adjusted Base	FY20 Recommended	% Change Over FY19	FY21 Recommended	% Change Over FY20
GPR	106,242,900	102,488,500	-3.5	102,488,500	0.0
PR-S	232,700	232,700	0.0	232,700	0.0
TOTAL	106,475,600	102,721,200	-3.5	102,721,200	0.0

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION SUMMARY

Source of Funds	FY19 Adjusted Base	FY20 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY19	FY21 Recommended	FTE Change Over FY20
GPR	527.00	527.00	0.00	527.00	0.00
TOTAL	527.00	527.00	0.00	527.00	0.00

AGENCY DESCRIPTION

The Circuit Courts are Wisconsin's courts of general jurisdiction and consist of 249 judicial positions in 69 judicial circuits. Each county in the state is a circuit, with the exception of Pepin and Buffalo, Menominee and Shawano, and Forest and Florence, which are paired to form three circuits. A circuit may consist of more than one branch (judge) where the volume of litigation warrants. Of the 69 circuits, 41 contain multiple branches.

The Circuit Courts have original jurisdiction in all criminal, civil, juvenile, family and probate cases unless exclusive jurisdiction has been given to another court. The courts have appellate jurisdiction over orders and judgments of the municipal courts and the responsibility to review decisions and orders of state administrative agencies.

For purposes of management, the Circuit Courts are divided into nine administrative districts. Each district has a chief judge appointed by the Supreme Court and a district court administrator, who administers the business of the judicial branch in that district in cooperation with the director of state courts at the direction of the chief justice.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Decriminalization of Small Amounts of Marijuana
2. Juvenile Court Jurisdiction
3. Standard Budget Adjustments

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

	ACTUAL FY18	ADJUSTED BASE FY19	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY20	FY21	FY20	FY21
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	\$95,155.4	\$106,242.9	\$102,480.0	\$102,480.0	\$102,488.5	\$102,488.5
State Operations	71,545.2	81,566.1	77,803.2	77,803.2	77,811.7	77,811.7
Local Assistance	23,610.2	24,676.8	24,676.8	24,676.8	24,676.8	24,676.8
PROGRAM REVENUE (2)	\$232.7	\$232.7	\$232.7	\$232.7	\$232.7	\$232.7
Local Assistance	232.7	232.7	232.7	232.7	232.7	232.7
TOTALS - ANNUAL	\$95,388.1	\$106,475.6	\$102,712.7	\$102,712.7	\$102,721.2	\$102,721.2
State Operations	71,545.2	81,566.1	77,803.2	77,803.2	77,811.7	77,811.7
Local Assistance	23,842.9	24,909.5	24,909.5	24,909.5	24,909.5	24,909.5

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

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY19	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY20	FY21	FY20	FY21
GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00
TOTALS - ANNUAL	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00

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

(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 FY18	ADJUSTED BASE FY19	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
			FY20	FY21	FY20	FY21
1. Court operations	\$95,388.1	\$106,475.6	\$102,712.7	\$102,712.7	\$102,721.2	\$102,721.2
TOTALS	\$95,388.1	\$106,475.6	\$102,712.7	\$102,712.7	\$102,721.2	\$102,721.2

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

	ADJUSTED BASE FY19	AGENCY REQUEST		GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION	
		FY20	FY21	FY20	FY21
1. Court operations	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00
TOTALS	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00	527.00

(4) All positions are State Operations unless otherwise specified

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1. Decriminalization of Small Amounts of Marijuana

The Governor recommends the decriminalization of possession of marijuana in amounts of 25 grams or fewer. The Governor also recommends establishing an expungement procedure for individuals convicted of possessing, manufacturing or distributing less than 25 grams of marijuana who have completed their sentence or probation. The Governor further recommends establishing a procedure by which persons who have been previously convicted of possessing, manufacturing or distributing small amounts of marijuana may petition for dismissal of the conviction.

2. Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

The Governor recommends, subject to the certain exceptions currently in the Juvenile Justice Code, raising the age that a circuit court or municipal court exercises adult court jurisdiction on individuals from 17 years of age to 18 years of age. See Department of Children and Families, Item #11.

3. Standard Budget Adjustments

Source of Funds	Agency Request				Governor's Recommendations			
	FY20		FY21		FY20		FY21	
	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions	Dollars	Positions
GPR	-3,762,900	0.00	-3,762,900	0.00	-3,754,400	0.00	-3,754,400	0.00
TOTAL	-3,762,900	0.00	-3,762,900	0.00	-3,754,400	0.00	-3,754,400	0.00

The Governor recommends adjusting the agency's base budget for full funding of continuing position salaries and fringe benefits.

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