

Judicial and Corrections
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	Page #	Analyst	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov - App FY 26
					FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
General Fund									
Division of Criminal Justice	2	BP	57,456,126	63,166,250	68,702,019	68,729,219	62,517,967	62,517,967	(1.03)
Department of Correction	4	RP	727,319,960	705,689,167	761,993,367	761,993,367	757,966,428	757,966,428	7.41
Judicial Department	7	BP	590,402,556	605,217,667	654,511,097	664,730,404	619,913,486	625,689,652	2.43
Public Defender Services Commission	10	BP	84,818,673	89,492,117	97,506,986	97,506,986	89,751,502	89,751,502	0.29
Total - General Fund			1,459,997,315	1,463,565,201	1,582,713,469	1,592,959,976	1,530,149,383	1,535,925,549	4.55
Banking Fund									
Judicial Department	7	BP	2,040,196	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	-
Workers' Compensation Fund									
Division of Criminal Justice	2	BP	836,159	953,983	974,771	974,771	974,771	974,771	2.18
Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund									
Judicial Department	7	BP	1,793,846	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	-
Total - Appropriated Funds			1,464,667,516	1,469,611,928	1,588,780,984	1,599,027,491	1,536,216,898	1,541,993,064	4.53

Division of Criminal Justice DCJ30000

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
General Fund	501	501	501	501	501	501	-
Workers' Compensation Fund	4	4	4	4	4	4	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	48,831,986	54,541,281	59,684,829	59,684,829	53,703,277	53,703,277	(1.54)
Other Expenses	5,101,696	5,102,201	5,153,701	5,153,701	5,102,201	5,102,201	-
Other Current Expenses							
Witness Protection	256,183	164,148	260,000	287,200	200,000	200,000	21.84
Training And Education	100,887	147,398	147,398	147,398	147,398	147,398	-
Expert Witnesses	124,433	135,413	135,413	135,413	135,413	135,413	-
Medicaid Fraud Control	1,418,531	1,439,442	1,600,942	1,600,942	1,509,942	1,509,942	4.90
Criminal Justice Commission	-	409	409	409	409	409	-
Cold Case Unit	276,393	282,227	292,041	292,041	292,041	292,041	3.48
Shooting Taskforce	1,346,017	1,353,731	1,427,286	1,427,286	1,427,286	1,427,286	5.43
Agency Total - General Fund	57,456,126	63,166,250	68,702,019	68,729,219	62,517,967	62,517,967	(1.03)
Personal Services	447,295	454,159	474,947	474,947	474,947	474,947	4.58
Other Expenses	8,230	10,428	10,428	10,428	10,428	10,428	-
Fringe Benefits	380,634	489,396	489,396	489,396	489,396	489,396	-
Agency Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	836,159	953,983	974,771	974,771	974,771	974,771	2.18
Total - Appropriated Funds	58,292,285	64,120,233	69,676,790	69,703,990	63,492,738	63,492,738	(0.98)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Current Services

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Personal Services	(3,000,000)	(3,000,000)
Witness Protection	35,852	35,852
Total - General Fund	(2,964,148)	(2,964,148)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$2,964,148 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	2,161,996	2,161,996
Medicaid Fraud Control	70,500	70,500
Cold Case Unit	9,814	9,814
Shooting Taskforce	73,555	73,555
Total - General Fund	2,315,865	2,315,865
Personal Services	20,788	20,788
Total - Workers' Compensation Fund	20,788	20,788

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,315,865 to accounts in the General Fund and \$20,788 to the Workers' Compensation Fund in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	63,166,250	63,166,250
Current Services	(648,283)	(648,283)
Total Recommended - GF	62,517,967	62,517,967
FY 25 Appropriation - WF	953,983	953,983
Current Services	20,788	20,788
Total Recommended - WF	974,771	974,771

Department of Correction

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
General Fund	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966	5,966	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	448,242,504	446,837,256	472,933,069	472,933,069	470,744,513	470,744,513	5.35
Other Expenses	89,172,425	72,751,901	87,924,269	87,924,269	86,235,886	86,235,886	18.53
Other Current Expenses							
Stress Management	4,685	-	-	-	-	-	n/a
Inmate Medical Services	139,908,878	130,559,989	144,129,165	144,129,165	145,129,165	145,129,165	11.16
Board of Pardons and Paroles	5,805,266	7,702,157	7,972,490	7,972,490	6,822,490	6,822,490	(11.42)
STRIDE	-	80,181	80,181	80,181	80,181	80,181	-
Other Than Payments to Local Governments							
Aid to Paroled and Discharged Inmates	150	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
Legal Services To Prisoners	796,999	797,000	797,000	797,000	797,000	797,000	-
Volunteer Services	56,445	87,725	87,725	87,725	87,725	87,725	-
Community Support Services	43,332,608	46,869,958	48,066,468	48,066,468	48,066,468	48,066,468	2.55
Agency Total - General Fund	727,319,960	705,689,167	761,993,367	761,993,367	757,966,428	757,966,428	7.41

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Eliminate Funding for Electronic Messaging by Inmates

Other Expenses	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)
Total - General Fund	(3,500,000)	(3,500,000)

Background

PA 21-54, *An Act Concerning Communication Services in Correctional and Juvenile Detention Facilities* made certain inmate communications free of charge and prohibited the state from receiving revenue from these services beginning in FY 23. PA 21-2 JSS, *An Act Concerning Provisions Related to Revenue and Other Items to Implement the State Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2023* appropriated \$3.5 million to the Department of Correction to provide funding for this purpose.

PA 23-204, the FY 24 and FY 25 Budget, appropriated an additional \$592,000 and added 10 correctional officer positions to assist with inmate telephone and messaging security and monitoring due to increased call volumes.

Governor

Eliminate funding of \$3.5 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 for subsidized inmate electronic messaging.

Reduce Funding to Reflect Overtime Spending Reduction Plan

Personal Services	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)
Total - General Fund	(2,288,556)	(2,288,556)

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Background

In the past 10 fiscal years, the Department of Correction has worked an average of 1.75 million hours of overtime annually, spending an average of \$77.6 million annually. In FY 24, DOC worked 1.9 million hours and spent \$92.7 million on overtime under Personal Services.

Governor

Reduce funding of \$2,288,556 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect anticipated savings from DOC's Overtime Spending Reduction Plan which aims to reduce overtime by 47,250 hours.

Transfer GPS Monitoring Funding from DAS to DOC

Other Expenses	811,617	811,617
Total - General Fund	811,617	811,617

Governor

Transfer funding of \$811,617 in both FY 26 and FY 27 from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to DOC for the cost of the GPS monitoring contract.

Current Services**Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies**

Personal Services	5,100,000	5,100,000
Other Expenses	16,000,000	16,000,000
Inmate Medical Services	11,000,000	11,000,000
Total - General Fund	32,100,000	32,100,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$32.1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	21,095,813	21,095,813
Inmate Medical Services	3,569,176	3,569,176
Board of Pardons and Paroles	270,333	270,333
Total - General Fund	24,935,322	24,935,322

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$24,935,322 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Other Expenses	172,368	172,368
Community Support Services	1,196,510	1,196,510
Total - General Fund	1,368,878	1,368,878

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,368,878 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Board of Pardons and Paroles	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)
Total - General Fund	(1,150,000)	(1,150,000)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1.15 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current requirements of the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	705,689,167	705,689,167
Policy Revisions	(4,976,939)	(4,976,939)
Current Services	57,254,200	57,254,200
Total Recommended - GF	757,966,428	757,966,428

Judicial Department

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Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
General Fund	4,274	4,274	4,274	4,274	4,292	4,292	0.42
Banking Fund	10	10	10	10	10	10	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	373,122,455	374,558,158	387,586,132	393,319,277	382,624,139	385,900,305	2.15
Other Expenses	66,992,983	64,212,164	71,219,420	73,595,582	68,212,164	69,462,164	6.23
Other Current Expenses							
Forensic Sex Evidence Exams	1,085,879	1,348,010	1,348,010	1,348,010	1,348,010	1,348,010	-
Alternative Incarceration Program	57,429,082	58,257,585	68,847,224	68,757,224	58,670,445	58,670,445	0.71
Justice Education Center, Inc.	503,435	503,435	503,435	503,435	516,287	516,287	2.55
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	31,137,932	30,584,377	35,096,264	35,096,264	31,887,932	33,137,932	4.26
Probate Court	81,024	13,281,024	16,000,000	18,200,000	13,281,024	13,281,024	-
Workers' Compensation Claims	5,666,048	6,042,106	6,042,106	6,042,106	6,042,106	6,042,106	-
Victim Security Account	-	8,792	8,792	8,792	8,792	8,792	-
Children of Incarcerated Parents	529,174	529,174	529,174	529,174	542,683	542,683	2.55
Legal Aid	1,390,597	1,397,144	1,397,144	1,397,144	1,397,144	1,397,144	-
Youth Violence Initiative	4,705,803	5,453,217	5,453,217	5,453,217	5,592,428	5,592,428	2.55
Youth Services Prevention	6,571,854	7,283,132	7,283,132	7,283,132	7,283,132	7,283,132	-
Children's Law Center	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	-
Project Longevity	4,424,373	4,774,373	4,774,373	4,774,373	4,896,255	4,896,255	2.55
Juvenile Planning	775,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	775,000	-
Juvenile Justice Outreach Services	26,223,432	26,272,371	28,767,611	28,767,611	26,697,460	26,697,460	1.62
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	8,107,103	8,287,605	17,230,063	17,230,063	8,482,103	8,482,103	2.35
LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network	256,382	250,000	250,000	250,000	256,382	256,382	2.55
Counsel for Domestic Violence	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	-
Agency Total - General Fund	590,402,556	605,217,667	654,511,097	664,730,404	619,913,486	625,689,652	2.43
Foreclosure Mediation Program	2,040,196	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	-
Agency Total - Banking Fund	2,040,196	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	2,158,656	-
Criminal Injuries Compensation	1,793,846	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	-
Agency Total - Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund	1,793,846	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	2,934,088	-
Total - Appropriated Funds	594,236,598	610,310,411	659,603,841	669,823,148	625,006,230	630,782,396	2.41

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Provide Funding for Victim Support

Other Expenses	-	1,250,000
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	-	1,250,000
Total - General Fund	-	2,500,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$2.5 million in FY 27 to expand support for victims of child abuse and sexual assault. \$1.25 million will be provided to Connecticut Children's Alliance and \$1.25 million will be provided to CT Alliance to End Sexual Violence.

Provide Funding for New IT Staff to Support Digital Court Operations

Personal Services	477,131	477,131
Total - General Fund	477,131	477,131
Positions - General Fund	5	5

Governor

Provide funding of \$477,131 in FY 26 and FY 27 for five new IT staff positions in the Judicial Department that will support the enhanced and expanded digital court operations. Five additional positions have also been recommended for this purpose in the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

Current Services

Annualize Cost of 13 Superior Court Judges

Personal Services	2,613,299	2,613,299
Total - General Fund	2,613,299	2,613,299
Positions - General Fund	13	13

Background

In January 2025, Gov. Lamont appointed 13 new judges to the Superior Court.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,613,299 in FY 26 and FY 27 for 13 Superior Court judge positions.

Provide Funding for Additional Judicial Marshals

Personal Services	1,175,551	4,451,717
Total - General Fund	1,175,551	4,451,717

Governor

Provide funding of \$1,175,551 in FY 26 and \$4,451,717 in FY 27 for 60 new judicial marshals in FY 26 and an additional 60 in FY 27.

Annualize FY 25 Deficiencies

Personal Services	3,800,000	3,800,000
Other Expenses	4,000,000	4,000,000
Total - General Fund	7,800,000	7,800,000

Governor

Provide funding of \$7.8 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect annualization of the agency's FY 25 deficiency.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Annualize Private Provider COLA Funding

Alternative Incarceration Program	1,162,860	1,162,860
Justice Education Center, Inc.	12,852	12,852
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	553,555	553,555
Children of Incarcerated Parents	13,509	13,509
Youth Violence Initiative	139,211	139,211
Project Longevity	121,882	121,882
Juvenile Justice Outreach Services	425,089	425,089
Board and Care for Children - Short-term and Residential	194,498	194,498
LGBTQ Justice and Opportunity Network	6,382	6,382
Total - General Fund	2,629,838	2,629,838

Background

Private provider organizations contract to provide direct health and human services for clients of various state agencies, including: the Departments of Aging and Disability Services, Children and Families, Correction, Developmental, Housing, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, the Office of Early Childhood and the Judicial Department.

Governor

Provide funding of \$2,629,838 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to support annualization of the private provider COLA.

Transfer Funding from Alternative Incarceration Program to Juvenile Alternative Incarceration

Alternative Incarceration Program	(750,000)	(750,000)
Juvenile Alternative Incarceration	750,000	750,000
Total - General Fund	-	-

Background

PA 22-115, *An Act Concerning Juvenile Justice and Services, Firearms Background Checks, and Larceny of a Motor Vehicle*, made various changes to juvenile justice related laws. The act (1) changed procedures for when a child is arrested for an alleged delinquent act, (2) expanded an existing law on juvenile serious sexual offender prosecutions to also cover certain homicide and firearm crimes, (3) created an electronic monitoring program, and (4) established a new penalty structure of larceny of a motor vehicle. When associated funding was provided, funds were erroneously provided to the Alternative Incarceration Program account instead of the Juvenile Alternative Incarceration account.

Governor

Transfer funding of \$750,000 from Alternative Incarceration Program account to Juvenile Alternative Incarceration account to correct past error.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	605,217,667	605,217,667
Policy Revisions	477,131	2,977,131
Current Services	14,218,688	17,494,854
Total Recommended - GF	619,913,486	625,689,652

Positions	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	4,274	4,274
Policy Revisions	5	5
Current Services	13	13
Total Recommended - GF	4,292	4,292

Public Defender Services Commission PDS98500

Permanent Full-Time Positions

Fund	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
General Fund	451	451	451	451	451	451	-

Budget Summary

Account	Actual FY 24	Appropriation FY 25	Agency Requested		Governor Recommended		% Diff Gov-App FY 26
			FY 26	FY 27	FY 26	FY 27	
Personal Services	49,247,719	51,267,598	57,693,650	57,693,650	54,782,499	54,782,499	6.86
Other Expenses	1,561,619	1,565,163	1,703,980	1,703,980	1,565,163	1,565,163	-
Other Current Expenses							
Assigned Counsel - Criminal	31,313,988	33,764,004	35,214,004	35,214,004	30,508,488	30,508,488	(9.64)
Expert Witnesses	2,575,600	2,775,604	2,775,604	2,775,604	2,775,604	2,775,604	-
Training And Education	119,747	119,748	119,748	119,748	119,748	119,748	-
Agency Total - General Fund	84,818,673	89,492,117	97,506,986	97,506,986	89,751,502	89,751,502	0.29

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Policy Revisions

Lower the Eligibility Threshold to 200% of Federal Poverty Level

Personal Services	(3,414,470)	(3,414,470)
Assigned Counsel - Criminal	(2,900,000)	(2,900,000)
Total - General Fund	(6,314,470)	(6,314,470)

Background

The Public Defender Services Commission (PDS) bases its eligibility thresholds to receive services on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Prior to January 1, 2025, PDS had set the eligibility threshold at 200% of FPL. Section 201 of PA 23-204 raised this threshold to 250% of FPL for an individual to qualify for services.

Governor

Reduce funding by \$6,314,470 in FY 26 and FY 27 to reduce the eligibility threshold from 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to 200% of FPL.

Transfer Funding from Assigned Counsel to Personal Services for Public Defender Translators

Personal Services	805,516	805,516
Assigned Counsel - Criminal	(805,516)	(805,516)
Total - General Fund	-	-

Governor

Transfer funding of \$805,516 from the Assigned Counsel account to the Personal Services account in both FY 26 and FY 27 to hire 13 public defender translators.

Account	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27

Current Services

Annualize Funding to Increase Public Defender Eligibility Thresholds

Personal Services	1,964,470	1,964,470
Assigned Counsel - Criminal	1,450,000	1,450,000
Total - General Fund	3,414,470	3,414,470

Background

The Public Defender Services Commission (PDS) bases its eligibility thresholds to receive services on the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Prior to January 1, 2025, PDS had set the eligibility threshold at 200% of FPL. Section 201 of PA 23-204 raised this threshold to 250% of FPL for an individual to qualify for services.

Governor

Provide funding of \$3,414,470 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to annualize the costs associated with the increase in the eligibility threshold.

Annualize the Cost of Existing Wage Agreements

Personal Services	4,159,385	4,159,385
Total - General Fund	4,159,385	4,159,385

Background

The Governor's Recommended Budget provides funding of \$124.4 million in FY 26 and FY 27, across nine appropriated funds, to reflect current wage-related adjustments resulting from existing wage agreements.

Governor

Provide funding of \$4,159,385 in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect this agency's increased wage costs.

Adjust Funding to Reflect Current Requirements

Assigned Counsel - Criminal	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Total - General Fund	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)

Governor

Reduce funding by \$1 million in both FY 26 and FY 27 to reflect current agency requirements.

Totals

Budget Components	Governor Recommended	
	FY 26	FY 27
FY 25 Appropriation - GF	89,492,117	89,492,117
Policy Revisions	(6,314,470)	(6,314,470)
Current Services	6,573,855	6,573,855
Total Recommended - GF	89,751,502	89,751,502