

Judiciary Committee Oversight Hearing on 2008 Criminal Justice Reforms January 19, 2010

Connecticut Judicial Branch Judge Barbara M. Quinn Chief Court Administrator

Other Expenses (OE) Shortfall

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Judicial Branch Budget FY 2010 Appropriation



Judicial Branch Disproportionate Share of Other Expenses (OE) Reduction

Judicial comprises14% of the State's OEAppropriation, but . . .

 ... has been apportioned 28% of the reduction to FY 2007 levels



Other Expenses (OE) FY 10 Appropriations

□ Due to \$12,913,732 in allotment reductions, FY10 OE funding is *lower* than *FY05* funding



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Judicial Branch Budget FY 10 Appropriated vs. Available

	Appropriation	Reduction	Available
Personal Services (PS)	\$321,017,316	-\$17,293,021	\$303,724,295
Other Expenses (OE)	\$74,956,525	-\$12,913,732	\$62,042,793
Other Current Expenses (OCE)	\$102,073,263	\$0	\$102,073,263
Total	\$498,047,104	-\$30,206,753	\$467,840,351

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Closing the Gap: The Plan

Total OE Allotment Reduction -\$12,913,732

Action Steps	Amount
OE Savings	\$4,697,077
Shift Certain Charges to OCE	\$7,000,000
Est. Remaining OE Deficit Balance	-\$1,216,655

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Judicial Marshal Staffing



•On any given day, actual staffing is 70 fewer due to medical and other leave time •Approximately 5-6 Judicial Marshals retire or otherwise leave service each month

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Judicial Marshals

Statistics

- ☐ 7 million screenings occur annually statewide
- □ Over 28,000 screenings each day statewide
- □ Prisoner transport activity up 5% in FY 09
- □ Courthouse lockup volume up 7% in FY 09
- □ Incidents up 18% in FY 09

Weapons Confiscated by Judicial Marshals



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Courthouses Closings



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Impact on Law Libraries

Appropriation: FY 09 – \$2.45m; FY 10 - \$0; FY 11 - \$0

The Law Library System...

- receives 480,000 visits to their website;
- has a 250,000 patron visits;
- answers 42,000 in-library questions;
- has 26,000 E-Research Tower sessions;
- answers 8,600 telephone questions;
- answers 2,100 e-mail questions;
- sends 1,000 e-documents to judges.

Six of 16 (38%) law libraries will close by 7/01/2010

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Judicial Branch in the Future

- □ Access to Justice
- Number and location of Courthouses
- □ Staffing Levels
- □ Timeliness
- □ Security
- □ Public Safety
- Ability to Take on New Responsibilities and Initiatives

