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RE: Report pursuant to Item 39, Paragraph D of Chapter 780, 2016 Virginia Acts
of Assembly

Dear Chairmen:

Item 39, Paragraph D of Chapter 780, 2016 Virginia Acts of Assembly requests that prior to January 1 of each year, the Judicial Council and the Committee on District Courts submit a fiscal impact assessment of their recommendations for the creation of any new judgeships, including the cost of judicial retirement, to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Courts of Justice, and the House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees.


Please find enclosed an assessment of the annual cost of each authorized, vacant, circuit and district court judgeship.

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If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K R Hade', written in a cursive style.

Karl R. Hade

KRH: jrp
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard E. Hickman, Jr., Senate Finance Committee
Mr. David Reynolds, House Appropriations Committee
Ms. Mary Kate Felch, Division of Legislative Services
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JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 1/1/17

		Circuit
SALARY		\$166,136
RETIREMENT	46.97%	78,034
GROUP LIFE	1.31%	2,176
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.18%	1,960
FICA BASE	127,200 @7.65%	9,731
FICA (above cap)	38,936 @1.45%	565
HEALTH		18,756
DEF COMP MATCH		480
CLERK HIRE		1,500
PERSONAL COMPUTER		2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
CIRCUIT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE		6,488
FICA FOR SUB JUDGE		496
 TOTAL		 \$288,822

CIRCUIT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 25.95 DAYS @ \$250.00 (CY2015)

JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 1/1/17

	District
SALARY	\$149,531
RETIREMENT 46.97%	70,235
GROUP LIFE 1.31%	1,959
RETIREE HEALTH INS. 1.18%	1,764
FICA BASE 127,200 @7.65%	9,731
FICA (above cap) 22,331 @1.45%	324
HEALTH	18,756
DEF COMP MATCH	480
PERSONAL COMPUTER	2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:	
DISTRICT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE	7,673
FICA SUB JUDGE	587
TOTAL	\$263,539

DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 30.69 DAYS @ \$250.00 (CY2015)