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December 9, 2019

The Honorable Thomas K. Norment, Jr.
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Senate of Virginia
P.O. Box 6205
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2309 Finch Court
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The Honorable S. Chris Jones
Chair, Appropriations Committee
Virginia House of Delegates
P.O. Box 5059
Suffolk, VA 23435

RE: Report pursuant to Item 38, Paragraph D of the 2019 Appropriation Act

Dear Chairmen:

Item 38, Paragraph D of the 2019 Appropriation Act 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 district court judgeship, of which the Committee on District Courts recommended the authorization of one new general district judgeship in the 19th Judicial District of Virginia in 2018, and an assessment of the annual cost of each authorized circuit court judgeship.

Report pursuant to Item 38, Paragraph D of the 2019 Appropriation Act
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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 that reads "Karl R. Hade (by EMM)". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Karl R. Hade

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Adam Rosatelli, Senate Finance Committee
Mr. David Reynolds, House Appropriations Committee
Division of Legislative Automated Systems

Report Date: Dec 1, 2019

JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 6/10/19

		<u>District</u>
SALARY		\$158,252
RETIREMENT	34.39%	54,423
GROUP LIFE	1.31%	2,073
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.17%	1,852
FICA BASE	132,900 @7.65%	10,167
FICA (above cap)	25,352 @1.45%	368
HEALTH		21,624
DEF COMP MATCH		480
PERSONAL COMPUTER		2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
DISTRICT AVG. EXP. PER JUDGE		8,885
FICA SUB JUDGE		680
TOTAL		\$261,303

DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 35.54 DAYS @ \$250.00 (CY2018)

Report Date: Dec 1, 2019

JUDGESHIP COSTS
SALARY EFFECTIVE 6/10/19

		<u>Circuit</u>
SALARY		\$175,826
RETIREMENT	34.39%	60,467
GROUP LIFE	1.31%	2,303
RETIREE HEALTH INS.	1.17%	2,057
FICA BASE	132,900 @7.65%	10,167
FICA (above cap)	42,926 @1.45%	622
HEALTH		21,624
DEF COMP MATCH		480
CLERK HIRE		1,500
PERSONAL COMPUTER		2,500
SUB/RET JUDGES:		
CIRCUIT AVG.EXP. PER JUDGE		6,043
FICA FOR SUB JUDGE		462
TOTAL		\$284,051

CIRCUIT SUBSTITUTE BASED ON 24.17 DAYS @ \$250.00 (CY2018)