



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 594**

February Session, 2004

Substitute Senate Bill No. 498

*Senate, April 15, 2004*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF JUDGES AND FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *January 1, 2005*):

4 [(h) (1) On and after April 1, 2000, the Chief Family Support  
5 Magistrate shall receive a salary of ninety-nine thousand five hundred  
6 eighty-seven dollars, and other family support magistrates shall  
7 receive an annual salary of ninety-four thousand five hundred eighty-  
8 seven dollars.

9 (2) On and after April 1, 2001, the Chief Family Support Magistrate  
10 shall receive a salary of one hundred three thousand six hundred  
11 dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an annual  
12 salary of ninety-eight thousand six hundred dollars.]

13 [(3)] (h) (1) On and after April 1, 2002, the Chief Family Support  
14 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred eight thousand eight  
15 hundred twenty-one dollars, and other family support magistrates  
16 shall receive an annual salary of one hundred three thousand five  
17 hundred sixty-nine dollars.

18 (2) On and after January 1, 2005, the Chief Family Support  
19 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred twelve thousand  
20 eighty-six dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive  
21 an annual salary of one hundred six thousand six hundred seventy-six  
22 dollars.

23 (3) On and after January 1, 2006, the Chief Family Support  
24 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred fifteen thousand four  
25 hundred forty-eight dollars, and other family support magistrates shall  
26 receive an annual salary of one hundred nine thousand eight hundred  
27 seventy-six dollars.

28 (4) On and after January 1, 2007, the Chief Family Support  
29 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred eighteen thousand  
30 nine hundred twelve dollars, and other family support magistrates  
31 shall receive an annual salary of one hundred thirteen thousand one  
32 hundred seventy-three dollars.

33 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 46b-236 of the general statutes is  
34 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
35 *January 1, 2005*):

36 (b) Each family support referee shall receive, for acting as a family  
37 support referee, in addition to the retirement salary, the sum of [one  
38 hundred eighty] one hundred eighty-five dollars and expenses,  
39 including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so engaged.

40 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 51-47 of the general statutes is  
41 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
42 *January 1, 2005*):

43 (a) The judges of the Superior Court, judges of the Appellate Court

44 and judges of the Supreme Court shall receive annually salaries as  
45 follows:

46 [(1) On and after April 1, 2000, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
47 Court, one hundred thirty-five thousand eight hundred sixty-one  
48 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme  
49 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred thirty  
50 thousand seventeen dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme  
51 Court, one hundred twenty-four thousand six hundred eighty-three  
52 dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred  
53 twenty-three thousand one hundred fifty-two dollars; (E) each judge of  
54 the Appellate Court, one hundred sixteen thousand two hundred  
55 sixty-seven dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a  
56 judge of the Superior Court, one hundred thirteen thousand eight  
57 hundred ninety-six dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one  
58 hundred eleven thousand two hundred seventy-nine dollars.

59 (2) On and after April 1, 2001, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme  
60 Court, one hundred forty thousand five hundred eighty-two dollars;  
61 (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court,  
62 Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred thirty-four thousand  
63 seven hundred thirty-eight dollars; (C) each associate judge of the  
64 Supreme Court, one hundred twenty-nine thousand four hundred four  
65 dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred  
66 twenty-seven thousand eight hundred seventy-three dollars; (E) each  
67 judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred twenty thousand nine  
68 hundred eighty-eight dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court  
69 Administrator if a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred eighteen  
70 thousand six hundred seventeen dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior  
71 Court, one hundred sixteen thousand dollars.]

72 [(3)] (1) On and after April 1, 2002, (A) the Chief Justice of the  
73 Supreme Court, one hundred forty-nine thousand five hundred  
74 eighty-two dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the  
75 Supreme Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred  
76 forty-three thousand seven hundred thirty-eight dollars; (C) each

77 associate judge of the Supreme Court, one hundred thirty-eight  
78 thousand four hundred four dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the  
79 Appellate Court, one hundred thirty-six thousand eight hundred  
80 seventy-three dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate Court, one  
81 hundred twenty-nine thousand nine hundred eighty-eight dollars; (F)  
82 the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Superior Court,  
83 one hundred twenty-seven thousand six hundred seventeen dollars;  
84 (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred twenty-five  
85 thousand dollars.

86 (2) On and after January 1, 2005, (A) the Chief Justice of the  
87 Supreme Court, one hundred fifty-four thousand sixty-nine dollars; (B)  
88 the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court,  
89 Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred forty-eight thousand  
90 fifty dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme Court, one  
91 hundred forty-two thousand five hundred fifty-six dollars; (D) the  
92 Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred forty thousand nine  
93 hundred seventy-nine dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate Court,  
94 one hundred thirty-three thousand eight hundred eighty-eight dollars;  
95 (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Superior  
96 Court, one hundred thirty-one thousand four hundred forty-six  
97 dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred twenty-  
98 eight thousand seven hundred fifty dollars.

99 (3) On and after January 1, 2006, (A) the Chief Justice of the  
100 Supreme Court, one hundred fifty-eight thousand six hundred ninety-  
101 two dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the  
102 Supreme Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred fifty-  
103 two thousand four hundred ninety-two dollars; (C) each associate  
104 judge of the Supreme Court, one hundred forty-six thousand eight  
105 hundred thirty-three dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate  
106 Court, one hundred forty-five thousand two hundred nine dollars; (E)  
107 each judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred thirty-seven thousand  
108 nine hundred four dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if  
109 a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred thirty-five thousand three  
110 hundred eighty-nine dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one

111 hundred thirty-two thousand six hundred thirteen dollars.

112 (4) On and after January 1, 2007, (A) the Chief Justice of the  
 113 Supreme Court, one hundred sixty-three thousand four hundred fifty-  
 114 two dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the  
 115 Supreme Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred fifty-  
 116 seven thousand sixty-six dollars; (C) each associate judge of the  
 117 Supreme Court, one hundred fifty-one thousand two hundred thirty-  
 118 eight dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred  
 119 forty-nine thousand five hundred sixty-five dollars; (E) each judge of  
 120 the Appellate Court, one hundred forty-two thousand forty-one  
 121 dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the  
 122 Superior Court, one hundred thirty-nine thousand four hundred fifty-  
 123 one dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred thirty-  
 124 six thousand five hundred ninety-one dollars.

125 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 52-434 of the general statutes is  
 126 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
 127 *January 1, 2005*):

128 (f) Each judge trial referee shall receive, for acting as a referee or as a  
 129 single auditor or committee of any court or for performing duties  
 130 assigned by the Chief Court Administrator with the approval of the  
 131 Chief Justice, in addition to the retirement salary, the sum of [two  
 132 hundred] two hundred six dollars and expenses, including mileage, for  
 133 each day a state referee is so engaged, said sums to be taxed by the  
 134 court making the reference in the same manner as other court  
 135 expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2005</i>
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2005</i>
Sec. 3	<i>January 1, 2005</i>
Sec. 4	<i>January 1, 2005</i>

**JUD**

*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

APP

**APP**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

### **OFA Fiscal Note**

#### **State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 05 \$	FY 06 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Cost	425,741	1,254,482
Workers' Compensation Com.	WCF - Cost	29,655	60,200

Note: GF=General Fund; WCF=Workers' Compensation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

#### **Explanation**

The bill raises the salaries of judges and family support magistrates by 3% on the following dates: January 1, 2005, January 1, 2006, and January 1, 2007. It also increases the per diem compensation for senior judges and judge trial referees from \$200 to \$206 and family support magistrates from \$180 to \$185, effective January 1, 2005.

#### **Judicial Department Cost under sSB 498**

	Salaries	Per Diems	Total
<b>FY 05</b>	384,233	41,508	425,741
<b>FY 06</b>	1,171,466	83,016	1,254,482
<b>FY 07</b>	1,967,617	83,016	2,050,633

Funds in the amount of \$856,732 in FY 05 have been included within sHB 5033 (the Revised FY 05 Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) for the Judicial Department for the cost of a 5.5% increase.

The bill would also increase the salaries of Workers' Compensation Commissioners by 3% as of January 1, 2005, January 1, 2006, and January 1, 2007, since their salaries are statutorily linked to the salaries of Superior Court judges.

Funds in the amount of \$55,000 in FY 05 have been included within sHB 5033 (the Revised FY 05 Appropriations Act, as favorably reported

from the Appropriations Committee) for the Worker's Compensation Commission for the cost of a 5.5% increase.

**OLR BILL ANALYSIS**

sSB 498

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION OF JUDGES AND FAMILY SUPPORT MAGISTRATES****SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the salaries of judges and family support magistrates by 3% on each of the following dates: January 1, 2005, January 1, 2006, and January 1, 2007. The chart below displays the effect of these increases on salaries.

<i>Position</i>	<i>Current Law</i>	<i>Under the Bill</i>		
	<i>As of 4/1/02</i>	<i>As of 1/1/05</i>	<i>As of 1/1/06</i>	<i>As of 1/1/07</i>
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court	\$149,582	\$154,069	\$158,692	\$163,452
Chief Court Administrator*	143,738	148,050	152,492	157,066
Supreme Court Associate Justice	138,404	142,556	146,833	151,238
Appellate Court Chief Justice	136,873	140,979	145,209	149,565
Appellate Court Judge	129,988	133,888	137,904	142,041
Deputy Chief Court Administrator**	127,617	131,446	135,389	139,451
Superior Court Judge	125,000	128,750	132,613	136,591
Chief Family Support Magistrate	108,821	112,086	115,448	118,912
Family Support Magistrate	103,569	106,676	109,876	113,173

\*The chief court administrator earns this salary if he is a judge of the Supreme, Appellate, or Superior Court.

\*\*The deputy chief court administrator earns this salary if he is a

Superior Court judge.

The bill's provisions result in salary increases for other officials whose salaries are tied to those of judges. The salaries of workers' compensation commissioners vary depending on experience and are tied to those of Superior Court judges. The salaries of probate court judges are capped at 75% of a Superior Court judge's salary.

The bill also increases the per diem fees paid to judge trial referees from \$200 to \$206 and to family support referees from \$180 to \$185.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2005

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 29    Nay 8    Abstain 1

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 40    Nay 7    Abstain 1