



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 652

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 600

Senate, April 17, 2008

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 TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS AND JUDGES.

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 2008 supplement
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 [(h) (1) On and after April 1, 2002, the Chief Family Support
5 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred eight thousand eight
6 hundred twenty-one dollars, and other family support magistrates
7 shall receive an annual salary of one hundred three thousand five
8 hundred sixty-nine dollars.

9 (2) On and after January 1, 2005, the Chief Family Support
10 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred fourteen thousand
11 eight hundred six dollars, and other family support magistrates shall
12 receive an annual salary of one hundred nine thousand two hundred
13 sixty-five dollars.

14 (3) On and after January 1, 2006, the Chief Family Support
15 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred twenty-one thousand
16 one hundred twenty dollars, and other family support magistrates
17 shall receive an annual salary of one hundred fifteen thousand two
18 hundred seventy-five dollars.]

19 [(4)] (h) (1) On and after January 1, 2007, the Chief Family Support
20 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred twenty-seven
21 thousand seven hundred eighty-two dollars, and other family support
22 magistrates shall receive an annual salary of one hundred twenty-one
23 thousand six hundred fifteen dollars.

24 (2) On and after January 1, 2009, the Chief Family Support
25 Magistrate shall receive an annual salary of one hundred thirty-one
26 thousand six hundred fifteen dollars and other family support
27 magistrates shall receive an annual salary of one hundred twenty-five
28 thousand two hundred sixty-three dollars.

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 46b-236 of the general statutes is
30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
31 *1, 2008*):

32 (b) [Each] On and after January 1, 2009, each family support referee
33 shall receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the
34 retirement salary, the sum of one hundred [ninety] ninety-six dollars
35 and expenses, including mileage, for each day a family support referee
36 is so engaged.

37 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 51-47 of the general statutes is
38 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
39 *1, 2008*):

40 (a) The judges of the Superior Court, judges of the Appellate Court
41 and judges of the Supreme Court shall receive annually salaries as
42 follows:

43 [(1) On and after April 1, 2002, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
44 Court, one hundred forty-nine thousand five hundred eighty-two

45 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
46 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred forty-three
47 thousand seven hundred thirty-eight dollars; (C) each associate judge
48 of the Supreme Court, one hundred thirty-eight thousand four
49 hundred four dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one
50 hundred thirty-six thousand eight hundred seventy-three dollars; (E)
51 each judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred twenty-nine thousand
52 nine hundred eighty-eight dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court
53 Administrator if a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred twenty-
54 seven thousand six hundred seventeen dollars; (G) each judge of the
55 Superior Court, one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.

56 (2) On and after January 1, 2005, (A) the Chief Justice of the
57 Supreme Court, one hundred fifty-seven thousand eight hundred nine
58 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
59 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred fifty-one
60 thousand six hundred forty-four dollars; (C) each associate judge of
61 the Supreme Court, one hundred forty-six thousand sixteen dollars;
62 (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred forty-four
63 thousand four hundred one dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate
64 Court, one hundred thirty-seven thousand one hundred thirty-seven
65 dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
66 Superior Court, one hundred thirty-four thousand six hundred thirty-
67 six dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred thirty-
68 one thousand eight hundred seventy-five dollars.

69 (3) On and after January 1, 2006, (A) the Chief Justice of the
70 Supreme Court, one hundred sixty-six thousand four hundred eighty-
71 nine dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
72 Supreme Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred fifty-
73 nine thousand nine hundred eighty-four dollars; (C) each associate
74 judge of the Supreme Court, one hundred fifty-four thousand forty-
75 seven dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred
76 fifty-two thousand three hundred forty-three dollars; (E) each judge of
77 the Appellate Court, one hundred forty-four thousand six hundred
78 eighty dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of

79 the Superior Court, one hundred forty-two thousand forty-one dollars;
80 (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred thirty-nine
81 thousand one hundred twenty-eight dollars.]

82 [(4)] (1) On and after January 1, 2007, (A) the Chief Justice of the
83 Supreme Court, one hundred seventy-five thousand six hundred forty-
84 five dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
85 Supreme Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred sixty-
86 eight thousand seven hundred eighty-three dollars; (C) each associate
87 judge of the Supreme Court, one hundred sixty-two thousand five
88 hundred twenty dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court,
89 one hundred sixty thousand seven hundred twenty-two dollars; (E)
90 each judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred fifty-two thousand six
91 hundred thirty-seven dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court
92 Administrator if a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred forty-nine
93 thousand eight hundred fifty-three dollars; (G) each judge of the
94 Superior Court, one hundred forty-six thousand seven hundred eighty
95 dollars.

96 (2) On and after January 1, 2009, (A) the Chief Justice of the
97 Supreme Court, one hundred eighty thousand nine hundred fourteen
98 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
99 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred seventy-three
100 thousand eight hundred forty-six dollars; (C) each associate judge of
101 the Supreme Court, one hundred sixty-seven thousand three hundred
102 ninety-six dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one
103 hundred sixty-five thousand five hundred forty-two dollars; (E) each
104 judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred fifty-seven thousand two
105 hundred sixteen dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a
106 judge of the Superior Court, one hundred fifty-four thousand three
107 hundred forty-nine dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one
108 hundred fifty-one thousand one hundred eighty-three dollars.

109 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 52-434 of the general statutes is
110 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
111 *1, 2008*):

112 (f) Each judge trial referee shall receive, for acting as a referee or as a
 113 single auditor or committee of any court or for performing duties
 114 assigned by the Chief Court Administrator with the approval of the
 115 Chief Justice, for each day the judge trial referee is so engaged, in
 116 addition to the retirement salary: (1) (A) On and after [January 1, 2006,
 117 and before January 1, 2007, the sum of two hundred fifteen dollars,
 118 and (B) on and after] January 1, 2007, the sum of two hundred twenty
 119 dollars, and (B) on and after January 1, 2009, the sum of two hundred
 120 twenty-seven dollars; and (2) expenses, including mileage. Such
 121 amounts shall be taxed by the court making the reference in the same
 122 manner as other court expenses.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	46b-231(h)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2008	46b-236(b)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2008	51-47(a)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2008	52-434(f)

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 chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 09 \$	FY 10 \$
Judicial Dept.; Workers' Compensation Com.	GF - Implements the Budget	541,037	1,093,083
Probate Court	PCAF - Cost	24,000	48,000

Note: GF=General Fund; PCAF=Probate Court Administration Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

Effective January 1, 2009, the bill increases by 3% the salaries of judges and family support magistrates, in addition to the per diem rate of compensation for judge trial referees and family support referees. State law links the salaries of Workers' Compensation Commissioners to the salaries of Superior Court Judges. The FY 09 cost to the Judicial Department and Workers' Compensation Commission is \$541,037; the FY 10 and annualized cost is \$1,093,083. Funds in the amount of \$531,037 have been included within sHB 5021 (the budget bill as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) to establish the program.¹

The bill would also result in an increased cost of \$24,000 in FY 09 to the Probate Court Administration Fund, as probate judge's salaries are capped at a rate of 75% of a Superior Court judge's salary. This proposal would increase the maximum salary that 14 probate judges are currently receiving.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing cost identified above would remain

¹ It should be noted that funding for the salaries of Workers' Compensation Commissioners was increased by 2% for FY 09.

constant into the future since the salary and per diem levels are set by statute.

OFA Bill Analysis**sSB 600****AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS AND JUDGES.****SUMMARY:**

The bill increases by 3% the salaries of judges and family support magistrates, in addition to the per diem rate of compensation for judge trial referees and family support referees. State law links the salaries of Workers' Compensation Commissioners and judges of Probate Court to the salaries of Superior Court Judges.

Compensation for Judges/Magistrates/Referees

	Current	Effective 1/1/09 under the bill
Judges' Salaries		
Chief Justice	\$ 175,645	\$ 180,914
Chief Court Administrator	\$ 168,783	\$ 173,846
Supreme Court Justice	\$ 162,520	\$ 167,396
Chief Appellate Judge	\$ 160,720	\$ 165,542
Appellate Judge	\$ 152,637	\$ 157,216
Deputy Chief Court Administrator	\$ 149,853	\$ 154,349
Superior Court Judge	\$ 146,780	\$ 151,183
Family Support Magistrates' Salaries		
Chief Family Support Magistrate	\$ 127,782	\$ 131,615
Family Support Magistrate	\$ 121,615	\$ 125,263
Referees' Per Diems		
Judge Trial Referees	\$ 220	\$ 227
Family Support Referees	\$ 190	\$ 196

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2009

BACKGROUND

The most recent salary increase for judges, magistrates and referees occurred on January 1, 2007.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

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