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Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING JUDICIAL COMPENSATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 51-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The judges of the Superior Court, judges of the Appellate Court
4 and judges of the Supreme Court shall receive annually salaries as
5 follows:

6 [(1) On and after July 1, 2014, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
7 Court, one hundred ninety-four thousand seven hundred fifty-seven
8 dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme
9 Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred eighty-seven
10 thousand one hundred forty-eight dollars; (C) each associate judge of
11 the Supreme Court, one hundred eighty thousand two hundred four
12 dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred
13 seventy-eight thousand two hundred ten dollars; (E) each judge of the
14 Appellate Court, one hundred sixty-nine thousand two hundred forty-
15 five dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the

16 Superior Court, one hundred sixty-six thousand one hundred fifty-eight
17 dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred sixty-two
18 thousand seven hundred fifty-one dollars.

19 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
20 Court, two hundred thousand five hundred ninety-nine dollars; (B) the
21 Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court, Appellate
22 Court or Superior Court, one hundred ninety-two thousand seven
23 hundred sixty-three dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme
24 Court, one hundred eighty-five thousand six hundred ten dollars; (D)
25 the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred eighty-three
26 thousand five hundred fifty-six dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate
27 Court, one hundred seventy-four thousand three hundred twenty-three
28 dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
29 Superior Court, one hundred seventy-one thousand one hundred forty-
30 three dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred sixty-
31 seven thousand six hundred thirty-four dollars.

32 (3) On and after July 1, 2017, and prior to October 31, 2017, (A) the
33 Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, two hundred six thousand six
34 hundred seventeen dollars; (B) the Chief Court Administrator if a judge
35 of the Supreme Court, Appellate Court or Superior Court, one hundred
36 ninety-eight thousand five hundred forty-five dollars; (C) each associate
37 judge of the Supreme Court, one hundred ninety-one thousand one
38 hundred seventy-eight dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate
39 Court, one hundred eighty-nine thousand sixty-three dollars; (E) each
40 judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred seventy-nine thousand five
41 hundred fifty-two dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if
42 a judge of the Superior Court, one hundred seventy-six thousand two
43 hundred seventy-seven dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court,
44 one hundred seventy-two thousand six hundred sixty-three dollars.

45 (4) On and after October 31, 2017, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
46 Court, two hundred thousand five hundred ninety-nine dollars; (B) the
47 Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court, Appellate
48 Court or Superior Court, one hundred ninety-two thousand seven

49 hundred sixty-three dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme
50 Court, one hundred eighty-five thousand six hundred ten dollars; (D)
51 the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred eighty-three
52 thousand five hundred fifty-six dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate
53 Court, one hundred seventy-four thousand three hundred twenty-three
54 dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the
55 Superior Court, one hundred seventy-one thousand one hundred forty-
56 three dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred sixty-
57 seven thousand six hundred thirty-four dollars.]

58 [(5)] (1) On and after July 1, 2019, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
59 Court, two hundred six thousand six hundred seventeen dollars; (B) the
60 Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court, Appellate
61 Court or Superior Court, one hundred ninety-eight thousand five
62 hundred forty-five dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme
63 Court, one hundred ninety-one thousand one hundred seventy-eight
64 dollars; (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred eighty-
65 nine thousand sixty-three dollars; (E) each judge of the Appellate Court,
66 one hundred seventy-nine thousand five hundred fifty-two dollars; (F)
67 the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Superior Court,
68 one hundred seventy-six thousand two hundred seventy-seven dollars;
69 (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred seventy-two
70 thousand six hundred sixty-three dollars.

71 (2) On and after July 1, 2021, (A) the Chief Justice of the Supreme
72 Court, two hundred fifteen thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars; (B)
73 the Chief Court Administrator if a judge of the Supreme Court,
74 Appellate Court or Superior Court, two hundred seven thousand four
75 hundred eighty dollars; (C) each associate judge of the Supreme Court,
76 one hundred ninety-nine thousand seven hundred eighty-one dollars;
77 (D) the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court, one hundred ninety-seven
78 thousand five hundred seventy-one dollars; (E) each judge of the
79 Appellate Court, one hundred eighty-seven thousand six hundred
80 sixty-three dollars; (F) the Deputy Chief Court Administrator if a judge
81 of the Superior Court, one hundred eighty-four thousand two hundred
82 nine dollars; (G) each judge of the Superior Court, one hundred eighty

83 thousand four hundred sixty dollars.

84 (3) On July 1, 2022 and on July first of 2023 and 2024, the chief justice
85 and each judge and administrator receiving a salary pursuant to this
86 subsection shall be entitled, in addition to the salary to which the chief
87 justice and each judge and administrator was entitled to as of the July
88 first immediately preceding, to an annual cost of living allowance which
89 reflects the increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
90 Consumers for the previous twelve-month period, provided such cost
91 of living allowance shall be not less than two and one-half per cent.

92 (b) [(1) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
93 subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2014, a judge
94 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
95 receive one thousand one hundred nine dollars in annual salary, each
96 Superior Court judge designated as the administrative judge of a
97 judicial district shall receive one thousand one hundred nine dollars in
98 annual salary and each Superior Court judge designated as the chief
99 administrative judge for facilities, administrative appeals, judicial
100 marshal service or judge trial referees or for the Family, Juvenile,
101 Criminal or Civil Division of the Superior Court shall receive one
102 thousand one hundred nine dollars in annual salary.

103 (2) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
104 subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2015, a judge
105 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
106 receive one thousand one hundred forty-two dollars in additional
107 compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
108 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand one
109 hundred forty-two dollars in additional compensation and each
110 Superior Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge for
111 facilities, administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge trial
112 referees or for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of the
113 Superior Court shall receive one thousand one hundred forty-two
114 dollars in additional compensation.

115 (3) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
116 subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2017, and prior to
117 October 31, 2017, a judge designated as the administrative judge of the
118 appellate system shall receive one thousand one hundred seventy-seven
119 dollars in additional compensation, each Superior Court judge
120 designated as the administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive
121 one thousand one hundred seventy-seven dollars in additional
122 compensation and each Superior Court judge designated as the chief
123 administrative judge for facilities, administrative appeals, judicial
124 marshal service or judge trial referees or for the Family, Juvenile,
125 Criminal or Civil Division of the Superior Court shall receive one
126 thousand one hundred seventy-seven dollars in additional
127 compensation.

128 (4) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
129 subsection (a) of this section, on and after October 31, 2017, a judge
130 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
131 receive one thousand one hundred forty-two dollars in additional
132 compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
133 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand one
134 hundred forty-two dollars in additional compensation and each
135 Superior Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge for
136 facilities, administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge trial
137 referees or for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of the
138 Superior Court shall receive one thousand one hundred forty-two
139 dollars in additional compensation.]

140 [(5)] (1) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive
141 under subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2019, a judge
142 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
143 receive one thousand one hundred seventy-seven dollars in additional
144 compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
145 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand one
146 hundred seventy-seven dollars in additional compensation and each
147 Superior Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge for
148 facilities, administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge trial

149 referees or for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of the
150 Superior Court shall receive one thousand one hundred seventy-seven
151 dollars in additional compensation.

152 (2) In addition to the salary such judge is entitled to receive under
153 subsection (a) of this section, on and after July 1, 2021, a judge
154 designated as the administrative judge of the appellate system shall
155 receive one thousand two hundred thirty dollars in additional
156 compensation, each Superior Court judge designated as the
157 administrative judge of a judicial district shall receive one thousand two
158 hundred thirty dollars in additional compensation and each Superior
159 Court judge designated as the chief administrative judge for facilities,
160 administrative appeals, judicial marshal service or judge trial referees or
161 for the Family, Juvenile, Criminal or Civil Division of the Superior Court
162 shall receive one thousand two hundred thirty dollars in additional
163 compensation.

164 (3) On July 1, 2022 and on July first of 2023 and 2024, each judge
165 designated as an administrative judge and receiving additional
166 compensation pursuant to this subsection shall be entitled, in addition
167 to the additional compensation such judge was entitled to as of the July
168 first immediately preceding, to an annual cost of living allowance which
169 reflects the increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
170 Consumers for the previous twelve-month period, provided such cost
171 of living allowance shall be not less than two and one-half per cent.

172 (c) Each such judge shall be an elector and a resident of this state,
173 shall be a member of the bar of the state of Connecticut and shall not
174 engage in private practice, nor on or after July 1, 1985, be a member of
175 any board of directors or of any advisory board of any state bank and
176 trust company, state bank or savings and loan association, national
177 banking association or federal savings bank or savings and loan
178 association. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude a senior judge
179 from participating in any alternative dispute resolution program
180 approved by STA-FED ADR, Inc.

181 (d) Each such judge, excluding any senior judge, who has completed
182 not less than ten years of service as a judge of either the Supreme Court,
183 the Appellate Court, or the Superior Court, or of any combination of
184 such courts, or of the Court of Common Pleas, the Juvenile Court or the
185 Circuit Court, or other state service or service as an elected officer of the
186 state, or any combination of such service, shall receive semiannual
187 longevity payments based on service as a judge of any or all of such six
188 courts, or other state service or service as an elected officer of the state,
189 or any combination of such service, completed as of the first day of July
190 and the first day of January of each year, as follows:

191 (1) A judge who has completed ten or more years but less than fifteen
192 years of service shall receive one-quarter of three per cent of the annual
193 salary payable under subsection (a) of this section.

194 (2) A judge who has completed fifteen or more years but less than
195 twenty years of service shall receive one-half of three per cent of the
196 annual salary payable under subsection (a) of this section.

197 (3) A judge who has completed twenty or more years but less than
198 twenty-five years of service shall receive three-quarters of three per cent
199 of the annual salary payable under subsection (a) of this section.

200 (4) A judge who has completed twenty-five or more years of service
201 shall receive three per cent of the annual salary payable under
202 subsection (a) of this section.

203 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 52-434 of the general statutes is
204 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
205 *passage*):

206 (f) (1) Each judge trial referee shall receive, for acting as a referee or
207 as a single auditor or committee of any court or for performing duties
208 assigned by the Chief Court Administrator with the approval of the
209 Chief Justice, for each day the judge trial referee is so engaged, in
210 addition to the retirement salary: [(1) (A) On and after July 1, 2014, the
211 sum of two hundred forty-four dollars, (B) on and after July 1, 2015, the

212 sum of two hundred fifty-one dollars, (C) on and after July 1, 2017, and
213 prior to October 31, 2017, the sum of two hundred fifty-nine dollars, (D)
214 on and after October 31, 2017, the sum of two hundred fifty-one dollars,
215 and (E)] (A) (i) on and after July 1, 2019, the sum of two hundred fifty-
216 nine dollars, [;] and (ii) on and after July 1, 2021, the sum of two hundred
217 seventy-one dollars; and [(2)] (B) expenses, including mileage. Such
218 amounts shall be taxed by the court making the reference in the same
219 manner as other court expenses.

220 (2) On July 1, 2022 and on July first of 2023 and 2024, each judge trial
221 referee, for acting as a referee or as a single auditor or committee of any
222 court or for performing duties assigned by the Chief Court
223 Administrator with the approval of the Chief Justice, shall be entitled,
224 in addition to the sum such judge trial referee was eligible to receive for
225 each day so engaged as of the July first immediately preceding, to an
226 annual cost of living allowance which reflects the increase, if any, in the
227 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the previous
228 twelve-month period, provided such cost of living allowance shall be
229 not less than two and one-half per cent.

230 Sec. 3. Subsection (h) of section 46b-231 of the general statutes is
231 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
232 *passage*):

233 (h) [(1) On and after July 1, 2014, the Chief Family Support Magistrate
234 shall receive a salary of one hundred forty-one thousand six hundred
235 eighty-six dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an
236 annual salary of one hundred thirty-four thousand eight hundred forty-
237 eight dollars.

238 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, the Chief Family Support Magistrate
239 shall receive a salary of one hundred forty-five thousand nine hundred
240 thirty-six dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an
241 annual salary of one hundred thirty-eight thousand eight hundred
242 ninety-three dollars.

243 (3) On and after July 1, 2017, and prior to October 31, 2017, the Chief

244 Family Support Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred fifty
245 thousand three hundred fourteen dollars, and other family support
246 magistrates shall receive an annual salary of one hundred forty-three
247 thousand sixty dollars.

248 (4) On and after October 31, 2017, the Chief Family Support
249 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred forty-five thousand
250 nine hundred thirty-six dollars, and other family support magistrates
251 shall receive an annual salary of one hundred thirty-eight thousand
252 eight hundred ninety-three dollars.]

253 [(5)] (1) On and after July 1, 2019, the Chief Family Support
254 Magistrate shall receive a salary of one hundred fifty thousand three
255 hundred fourteen dollars, and other family support magistrates shall
256 receive an annual salary of one hundred forty-three thousand sixty
257 dollars.

258 (2) On and after July 1, 2021, the Chief Family Support Magistrate
259 shall receive a salary of one hundred fifty-seven thousand seventy-eight
260 dollars, and other family support magistrates shall receive an annual
261 salary of one hundred forty-nine thousand four hundred ninety-eight
262 dollars.

263 (3) On July 1, 2022 and on July first of 2023 and 2024, the Chief Family
264 Support Magistrate and each other family support magistrate receiving
265 a salary pursuant to this subsection shall be entitled, in addition to the
266 salary to which the chief family support magistrate and other family
267 support magistrate was entitled to as of the July first immediately
268 preceding, to an annual cost of living allowance which reflects the
269 increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers
270 for the previous twelve-month period, provided such cost of living
271 allowance shall be not less than two and one-half per cent.

272 Sec. 4. Subsection (b) of section 46b-236 of the general statutes is
273 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
274 *passage*):

275 (b) [(1) On and after July 1, 2014, each family support referee shall
276 receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the
277 retirement salary, the sum of two hundred eleven dollars and expenses,
278 including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so engaged.

279 (2) On and after July 1, 2015, each family support referee shall receive,
280 for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the retirement
281 salary, the sum of two hundred seventeen dollars and expenses,
282 including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so engaged.

283 (3) On and after July 1, 2017, and prior to October 31, 2017, each
284 family support referee shall receive, for acting as a family support
285 referee, in addition to the retirement salary, the sum of two hundred
286 twenty-three dollars and expenses, including mileage, for each day a
287 family support referee is so engaged.

288 (4) On and after October 31, 2017, each family support referee shall
289 receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the
290 retirement salary, the sum of two hundred seventeen dollars and
291 expenses, including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so
292 engaged.]

293 [(5)] (1) On and after July 1, 2019, each family support referee shall
294 receive, for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the
295 retirement salary, the sum of two hundred twenty-three dollars and
296 expenses, including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so
297 engaged.

298 (2) On and after July 1, 2021, each family support referee shall receive,
299 for acting as a family support referee, in addition to the retirement
300 salary, the sum of two hundred thirty-three dollars and expenses,
301 including mileage, for each day a family support referee is so engaged.

302 (3) On July 1, 2022 and on July first of 2023 and 2024, each family
303 support referee shall be entitled, in addition to the sum such family
304 support referee was entitled to receive for each day engaged as a family
305 support referee as of the July first immediately preceding, to an annual

306 cost of living allowance which reflects the increase, if any, in the
307 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the previous
308 twelve-month period, provided such cost of living allowance shall be
309 not less than two and one-half per cent.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	51-47
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	52-434(f)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	46b-231(h)
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	46b-236(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Commission on Judicial Compensation.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]