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**Report**

TO: Members of the Judicial Council

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SUBJECT: Revisions to Base Allocations for Child Support Commissioner and Family Law Facilitator Program for Fiscal Year 2005–2006 (Action Required)

Issue Statement

The Judicial Council is required to annually allocate non-trial court funding, as described below, to local courts for the child support commissioner and family law facilitator program (Assembly Bill 1058 program). These funds pay the salaries and benefits of child support commissioners, support staff and associated operating expenses. The funds for this program are provided by a cooperative agreement between the California Department of Child Support Services (DCSS) and the Judicial Council. Two-thirds of these funds are federal, and the remaining one-third are from the state General Fund (non-trial court funding).

DCSS has advised staff that funding has been increased by 2.6 percent this year. Staff therefore recommend permanent increases to the allocations of courts whose regular costs related to the AB 1058 program exceed their base funding. To identify those courts, staff and the Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee's AB 1058 Subcommittee analyzed all courts' program-related spending histories, including a projection for FY 2004–2005 using year-to-date invoices, as well as workload figures and questionnaires returned by the courts regarding their program needs and costs. The advisory committee recommends increasing the base allocations of 32 courts for their child support commissioner programs. The committee also recommends increasing the base allocations of 36 courts and decreasing slightly the base allocations of 2 courts for their family law facilitator programs.

### Recommendation

The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee recommends that the Judicial Council, effective July 1, 2005:

1. Approve the committee's recommended revised base allocations for the child support commissioner program for FY 2005–2006, as set forth in Attachment A.
2. Approve the committee's recommended revised base allocations for the family law facilitator program for FY 2005–2006, as set forth in Attachment B.

Attachments A and B are on pages 4–7.

### Rationale for Recommendation

The Judicial Council in 1997 established staffing standards for child support commissioners under Family Code section 4252(b)(3). Staffing standards are based on the number of cases in local child support agencies with established child support orders. Base allocations remained substantially the same from the inception of the program in 1997 until some reductions were made in FY 2003–2004 to adjust base allocations for courts that consistently did not use their full base allocations. Because of level funding, few permanent adjustments were made to the base allocations of courts whose program expenses consistently exceeded their base allocations until FY 2004–2005, when the Judicial Council approved some revisions.

Spending histories, which include a projection for FY 2004–2005 based on year-to-date invoices, have now been established, and courts whose valid ongoing AB 1058 program expenses exceed their existing base allocations have been identified. In addition, changes in court workloads based on the established staffing standards have been analyzed. For these courts, recommendations for an increase of their base allocations have been made. The committee recommends minor decreases in the AB 1058 program base allocations for a few courts that do not spend their full allocations. The committee also recommends retaining the remainder of the unallocated funds as a small reserve for any emergency requests. Any unused reserve funds will be distributed through the midyear reallocation process.

All courts, including those listed in attachments A and B, can apply for additional funds through the midyear reallocation process. One of the goals of these recommended increases in base allocations is to allow the midyear reallocation process to return to its original intent—redistribution of excess funds for special projects and one-time expenses—rather than covering recurring program expenses.

### Alternative Actions Considered

No alternative actions were considered as the Judicial Council is required to allocate funding for this legislatively mandated program.

Comments From Interested Parties

This proposal was not circulated for comment.

Implementation Requirements and Costs

None.

Attachments

<b>Child Support Commissioner Program</b>			
<b>County</b>	<b>Base Allocation FY 04/05</b>	<b>Recommended Change to Base Allocation for FY 05/06</b>	<b>Total Recommended Allocation for FY 05/06</b>
Alameda	1,074,152	127,520	1,201,672
Amador	159,000	3,225	162,225
Butte	414,000	0	414,000
Calaveras	130,000	0	130,000
Colusa	52,350	0	52,350
Contra Costa	1,110,920	43,444	1,154,364
Del Norte	55,000	0	55,000
El Dorado & Alpine	213,995	21,005	235,000
Fresno	1,623,040	150,000	1,773,040
Glenn	135,000	0	135,000
Humboldt	140,000	0	140,000
Imperial	176,401	10,000	186,401
Inyo	78,000	5,000	83,000
Kern	635,000	99,908	734,908
Kings	253,440	0	253,440
Lake	155,432	24,000	179,432
Lassen	83,410	0	83,410
Los Angeles	5,798,149	0	5,798,149
Madera	216,898	28,102	245,000
Marin	171,048	0	171,048
Mariposa	87,000	0	87,000
Mendocino	173,126	23,820	196,946
Merced	524,295	100,000	624,295
Mono	50,870	0	50,870
Monterey	386,000	36,619	422,619
Napa	204,865	0	204,865
Nevada & Sierra	338,920	40,000	378,920
Orange	2,485,850	100,000	2,585,850
Placer	367,943	50,000	417,943
Plumas	106,700	0	106,700
Riverside	1,000,850	101,082	1,101,932
Sacramento	1,116,510	58,256	1,174,766
San Benito	155,111	0	155,111
San Bernardino	1,244,078	654,090	1,898,168
San Diego	1,915,061	100,000	2,015,061
San Francisco	958,172	56,828	1,015,000
San Joaquin	740,545	44,273	784,818
San Luis Obispo	244,575	12,425	257,000
San Mateo	450,718	0	450,718
Santa Barbara	490,500	34,174	524,674
Santa Clara	1,764,243	179,844	1,944,087
Santa Cruz	194,661	15,000	209,661
Shasta & Trinity	481,960	0	481,960
Siskiyou	265,538	0	265,538
Solano	506,635	90,000	596,635

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<b>County</b>	<b>Base Allocation FY 04/05</b>	<b>Recommended Change to Base Allocation for FY 05/06</b>	<b>Total Recommended Allocation for FY 05/06</b>
Sonoma	538,660	17,027	555,687
Stanislaus	626,165	128,040	754,205
Sutter	183,410	38,943	222,353
Tehama	105,000	0	105,000
Tulare	584,088	0	584,088
Tuolumne	183,410	0	183,410
Ventura	591,220	50,034	641,254
Yolo	219,991	0	219,991
Yuba	193,410	32,910	226,320
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,155,315</b>	<b>2,475,569</b>	<b>34,630,884</b>
<b>Total amount to be allocated</b>			<b>2,475,569</b>

<b>Family Law Facilitator Program</b>			
<b>County</b>	<b>Base Allocation FY 04/05</b>	<b>Recommended Change to Base Allocation for FY 05/06</b>	<b>Total Recommended Allocation for FY 05/06</b>
Alameda	411,096	5,000	416,096
Butte	106,867	10,000	116,867
Calaveras	134,620	0	134,620
Colusa	59,000	0	59,000
Contra Costa	336,770	6,000	342,770
Del Norte	56,065	0	56,065
El Dorado & Alpine	118,897	0	118,897
Fresno	419,666	20,681	440,347
Glenn	68,120	16,880	85,000
Humboldt	78,800	21,200	100,000
Imperial	50,000	0	50,000
Inyo	64,120	0	64,120
Kern	368,127	28,229	396,356
Kings	62,000	-2,000	60,000
Lake	64,120	2,000	66,120
Lassen	64,120	3,924	68,044
Los Angeles	2,049,601	59,778	2,109,379
Madera	69,530	23,000	92,530
Marin	111,867	0	111,867
Mariposa	52,130	0	52,130
Mendocino	64,120	5,000	69,120
Merced	95,000	18,000	113,000
Modoc	52,130	0	52,130
Mono	54,000	0	54,000
Monterey	121,867	13,070	134,937
Napa	64,120	5,000	69,120
Nevada & Sierra	128,240	5,000	133,240
Orange	555,000	47,355	602,355
Placer	95,494	5,000	100,494
Plumas	64,120	0	64,120
Riverside	662,668	5,000	667,668
Sacramento	277,855	67,673	345,528
San Benito	64,120	5,000	69,120
San Bernardino	341,976	67,674	409,650
San Diego	448,843	67,673	516,516
San Francisco	235,108	39,892	275,000
San Joaquin	256,519	-11,000	245,519
San Luis Obispo	64,120	10,880	75,000
San Mateo	106,867	38,766	145,633
Santa Barbara	170,987	19,528	190,515
Santa Clara	406,096	91,156	497,252
Santa Cruz	64,120	18,840	82,960
Shasta & Trinity	180,600	0	180,600
Siskiyou	85,494	0	85,494

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Solano	128,241	20,000	148,241
Sonoma	149,615	5,000	154,615
Stanislaus	226,048	25,551	251,599
Sutter	64,120	10,000	74,120
Tehama	28,130	0	28,130
Tulare	275,735	39,248	314,983
Tuolumne	64,120	0	64,120
Ventura	277,855	5,000	282,855
Yolo	85,494	0	85,494
Yuba	69,626	3,874	73,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,773,964</b>	<b>822,872</b>	<b>11,596,836</b>
<b>Total amount to be allocated</b>			<b>822,872</b>