

# Legislative Analysis



## JUROR COMPENSATION REIMBURSEMENT FUND TRANSFER TO GENERAL FUND

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**House Bill 6122 as introduced**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Lori M. Stone**  
**Committee: Appropriations**  
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### SUMMARY:

House Bill 6122 would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to require that, for fiscal year 2019-20 only, \$2.5 million of the unencumbered balance remaining in the Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund at the end of fiscal year 2019-20 be transferred by the state treasurer to the state general fund.

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### BACKGROUND:

The Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund was created primarily to reimburse counties for juror compensation expenses authorized under the RJA. Funding is also authorized under the RJA to be used by the State Court Administrator for administration of the fund, for entering into contracts with jury management software vendors for software, support, and maintenance, and for funding a staff person within the State Court Administrative Office to provide technical assistance on jury management to all trial courts.

Annually, proceeds from the collection of driver license clearance fees and jury demand fees are deposited into the fund, along with all income from investments made by the state treasurer. In past years, fee revenue deposited into the fund has outpaced expenses from the fund. Transfers out of the Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund have been made on four other occasions:

- FY 2004-05: \$4,000,000
- FY 2007-08: \$2,250,000
- FY 2009-10: \$1,352,100
- FY 2010-11: \$2,607,500

### FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 6122 would transfer \$2.5 million from the Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund to the state general fund to limit general fund reductions made to the FY 2019-20 Judiciary budget. This transfer was agreed to as part of a FY 2019-20 budget balancing agreement. After the transfer, sufficient funds would remain in the fund to make required reimbursements to local court funding units.

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