2025 Regular Session

#### The Florida Senate

#### **COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA**

#### APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL AND CIVIL

JUSTICE

#### Senator Garcia, Chair Senator Martin, Vice Chair

TIME:	Wednesday, February 12, 2025 4:00—6:00 p.m. <i>Mallory Horne Committee Room,</i> 37 Senate Building
MEMBERS:	Senator Garcia, Chair; Senator Martin, Vice Chair; Senators Ingoglia, Osgood, Polsky, Rouson, Simon, Wright, and Yarborough

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Department of Corrections - Update on Correctional Officer Staffing Correctional Officer Overtime and Ste Facility Maintenance and Repair Victim Information and Notification Ev	ps Being Taken to Address Deficit	Presented
2	Clerk of Courts - Overview and Funding	Needs	Presented
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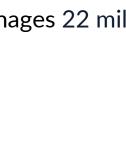


# **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice

# QUICK FACTS

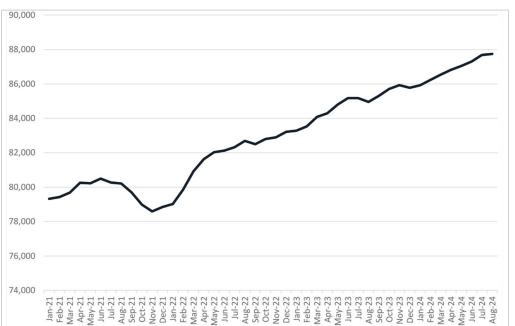
- Third-largest state prison system in the country
- FDC employs nearly 24,000 staff, incarcerates over 87,000 inmates, and supervises over 145,000 offenders in the community
- 49 major state-run prisons, and 7 contract operated facilities
- 27,000 Floridians are sentenced to state prison annually
- FDC manages 22 million square feet of buildings

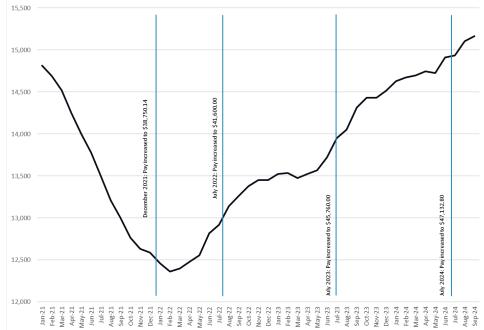




#### **FLORIDA INMATE POPULATION**

#### **CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SERIES STAFFING**





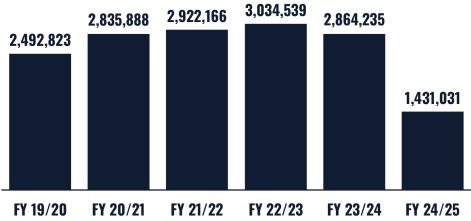


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# OVERTIME

• 24-hours a day/7-days a week, 365 days a year

### OVERTIME HOURS WORKED - CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SERIES





#### Number of completed projects: 68

#### Completed Projects (Examples)

#### Repairs and Renovations (\$26.57M spent/obligated)

- Paving projects: Holmes, Sumter, and Homestead Cl
- Perimeter fence system: Florida Women's Reception Center
- Roof project: Loxahatchee Road Prison

#### Environmental (\$2.87M spent/obligated)

- Above ground water tank refurbishment: Okaloosa CI
- Manhole repairs: Tomoka Cl
- Water plant repairs: Marion Cl

#### **Types of Projects Completed**

Roofs – 1 Fences – 9 Locking – 6 Plumbing – 1 Electrical – 6 Environmental – 9 General – 10 Paving – 3 Heating and AC – 17 Windows – 2 Lighting - 4













Homestead Food Service Ceiling Project



#### Major Projects Underway (Examples)

#### **Repairs and Renovations**

- Pompano: Renovations for Probation Office
- Security Fence System: Florida State Prison
- Locking Project : Jackson Cl

#### Environmental

- Above ground water tank refurbishment: Marion CI
- Lift station repairs: Zephyrhills Cl

#### Types of Projects Underway:

Roofs - 9 Fences - 19 Locking - 17 Plumbing - 9 Electrical - 6 Environmental - 10 General - 40 Heating and AC - 18 Windows - 5 Lighting - 1



Major Projects Underway (continued)

#### New Dorms/Medical Modular Units:

#### Six Year Construction Plan to Build

- 16 Open Bay Housing Units Lancaster CI (6), Lowell CI (4) and Sumter CI (6)
- 2 Secure Cell Housing Units Lancaster CI and Lowell CI

#### Year 1 (FY 24/25):

- Install medical modulars at South Florida Reception Center and Lowell CI (50 bed medical units)
- Initiate architecture/engineering services for construction of 6 open bay dorms and 1 secure cell dorm at Lancaster Cl



### **VINE Notification System Update**

### Victim Information and Notification Everyday



### **VINE Notification System Update**

#### FL Crime Victim Notification Expansion Project Phase 1

- Contract Signed December 2024
- First Agencies projected to go live end of February:
  - Tampa Police Department
  - 4th Circuit State Attorney's Office (Jacksonville)





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# Clerk of Courts Overview and Funding Needs

Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice

February 12, 2025

Clerks play a critical role in our state's judicial system

- Public Safety
- Help ensure access to justice
- Maintain court records



# The Four Hats – 1,000+ statutory duties

- Clerk to the County and Circuit Courts
- Most Clerks are the County Comptroller
- Clerks are the Clerk to the Board of
   County Commissioners
- Official Recorder



### **Clerks of Court**

- Oversee all Court-related functions
- Collect fines, fees, service charges, and court costs
  - Breakdown all court revenues, remit to almost 40 different state trust funds



#### DURING 2023-24 FISCAL YEAR, 45% OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY CLERKS WERE DISTRIBUTED ELSEWHERE

#### REVENUES KEPT OR DISTRIBUTED TO CLERK OPERATIONS

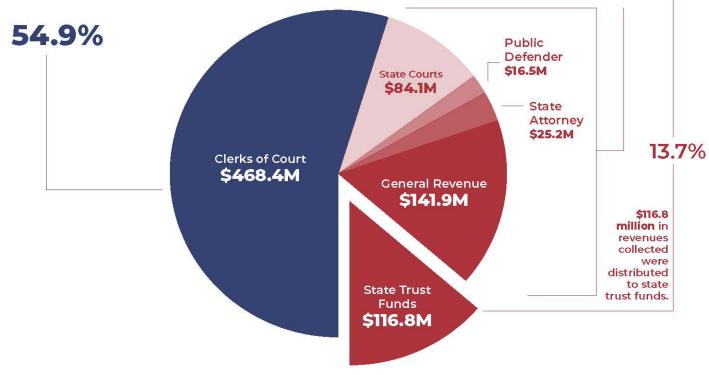
In State Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Clerks collected \$852.9 million in statutorily mandated fines and fees, of which they only retained \$468 million to provide services to the Floridians who depend on the timely resolution of their cases.

### **ELSEWHERE**

FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION

\$384.5 million out of the \$852.9 million collected by Florida's Clerks of Court were distributed elsewhere.

45.1%



FL Coastal Protection TF	\$952.00
Forfeiture and Investigative Support TF	\$94,443.88
FWC Operating TF	\$54,439.25
General Inspection TF	\$12,653.09
Grants & Dontations TF	\$402,539.92
Indigent Civil Defense TF	\$28,587.31
Indigent Criminal Defense TF	\$16,524,706.98
Inland Protection TF	\$1,885.43
Insurance Regulatory TF DOI	\$9,490.00
JAC Grants and Donations TF	\$78,283.83
Juvenile Welfare Training TF	\$1,280,747.35
Law Enforcement Radio System TF	\$4,147,979.58
Marine Resources Conservation TF	\$1,060,590.53
Motor Vehicle License Clearing TF	\$19,952,216.53
Nongame Wildlife TF	\$1,364,354.66
Operations and Maintenance TF	\$416,022.96
Planning and Evaluation TF	\$1,086,877.50
Projects, Contracts & Grants TF	\$94,860.76
Rape Crisis Program TF	\$2,389,627.41
Solid Waste Management TF	\$31,417.92
State Game TF	\$77,284.27
State Transportation TF	\$2,079.83
SWP Grants & Donations TF	\$233,412.29
Water Quality Assurance TF	\$50.00
Total	\$116,755,613.15

Distribution

\$9,343,319.91

\$8,849,888.77

\$1,616,671.51

\$3,493,880,61

\$12,821,278.97

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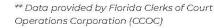
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State Trust Fund Additional Court Costs TF

Child Welfare Training TF

**Crimes Compensation TF** 

DOE Grants and Donations TF

**Emergency Medical Services TF** 

Crime Stoppers TF

DFS Operating TF

DLA Revolving TF

Domestic Violence TF

Epilepsy Services TF

FDLE Operating TF

Audit & Warrant Clearing TF

Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program TF

Dept of Financial Services Admin TF

# **Court Divisions**

- Criminal Felony and Misdemeanor
- Civil Small Claims, County, and Circuit
- Family Divorce and Child Custody
- Juvenile Delinquency and Dependency
- Probate and Guardianship
- Traffic Civil and Criminal

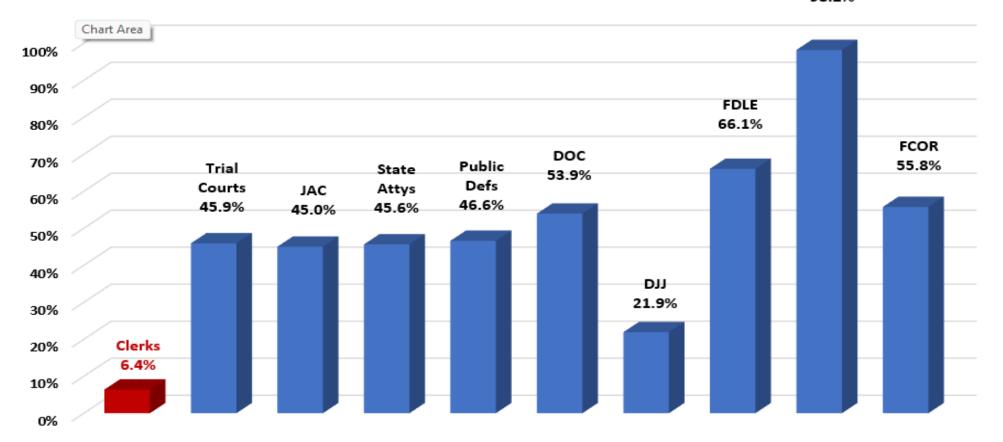


### TEN-YEAR FUNDING OVERVIEW

#### 10-Year Budget Increase Percentage -

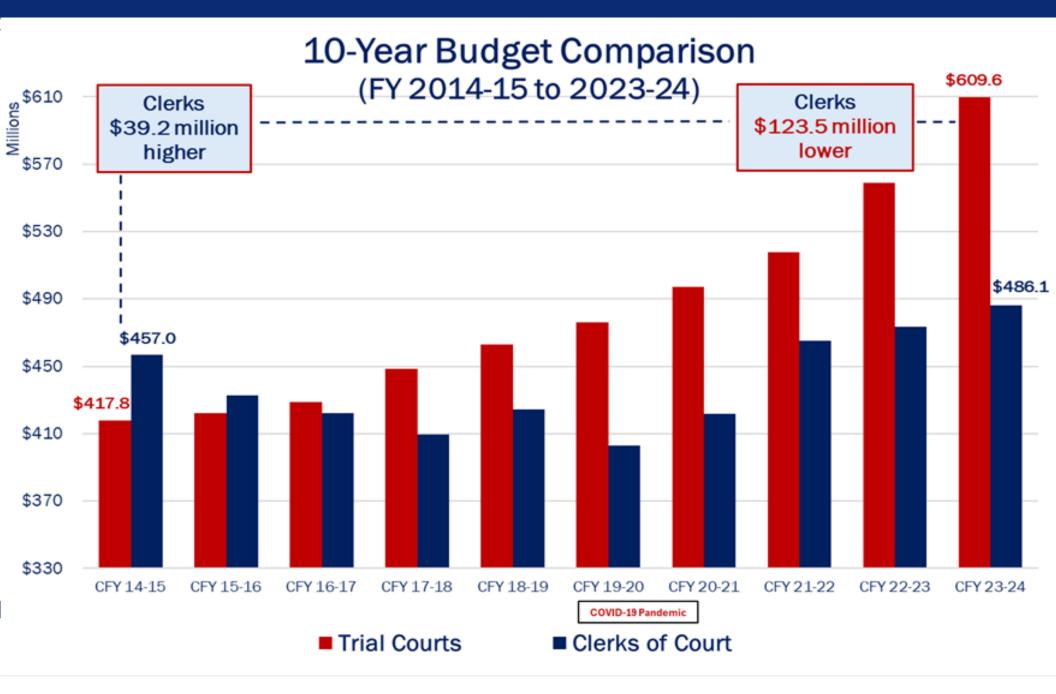
FY 2014-15 to FY 2023-24

DLA 98.2%





### **BUDGET COMPARISON – Trial Courts and Clerks of Court**



### CLERKS' 2025-26 BUDGET ISSUES

- 1. Injunctions for Protection: **\$3.3 million**
- Baker Act, Marchman Act, and Sexually Violent Predators: <u>\$2.5 million</u>
- 3. Juror Management: **<u>\$4.8 million</u>**
- Support for Additional Judges: <u>TBD</u>
   <u>(Pending Legislative Action)</u>



### **INJUNCTIONS FOR PROTECTION**

- Injunctions help protect vulnerable individuals in cases of domestic violence, stalking, repeat violence, sexual violence, and dating violence
  - Provided <u>at no cost</u> to the citizens of Florida
  - Clerks must redirect staff to process these highpriority cases without funding
- <u>\$3.3 million</u> will provide a revenue source for staffing to process these injunctions and ensure timely justice



### BAKER ACT, MARCHMAN ACT, & SVP'S

- Process Baker Act, Marchman Act, and Sexually Violent Predators Act cases
  - Addresses severe mental health, substance abuse, and sexual violence to maintain public safety
  - Clerks must redirect staff to process these highpriority cases without funding
- <u>\$2.5 million</u> Legislative Budget Request (LBR) through the JAC



### JUROR MANAGEMENT

- Jurors are the backbone of our justice system, ensuring fair trials and due process
  - Clerks currently receive an appropriation of \$11.7 million annually, the same amount since FY 2015-16
  - Ensure timely compensation and proper administration of jury services statewide
- <u>\$4.8 million</u> additional funding is needed to cover increased jury-related due process costs



### SUPPORT ADDITIONAL JUDGES

- The Supreme Court certified the need for <u>48 new</u> judges
  - Provide needed resources, including support staff, to help new judges effectively administer justice
- <u>\$14.7 million</u> in corresponding clerk funding would be needed if the Legislature approves all 48 judges, as determined by the funding formula established in s. 28.35, F.S.



### FRS & ADMINISTERED FUNDS

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County Fiscal Year	FRS Increase by year	Compounding Increase
2020-21	\$5,420,510	\$5,420,510
2021-22	\$3,271,121	\$8,691,631
2022-23	\$3,518,133	\$12,209,764
2023-24	\$5,404,099	\$17,613,864
2024-25	\$163,860	\$17,777,724
2025-26	?	\$17,777,724+
Total	\$12,357,214	\$79,491,217

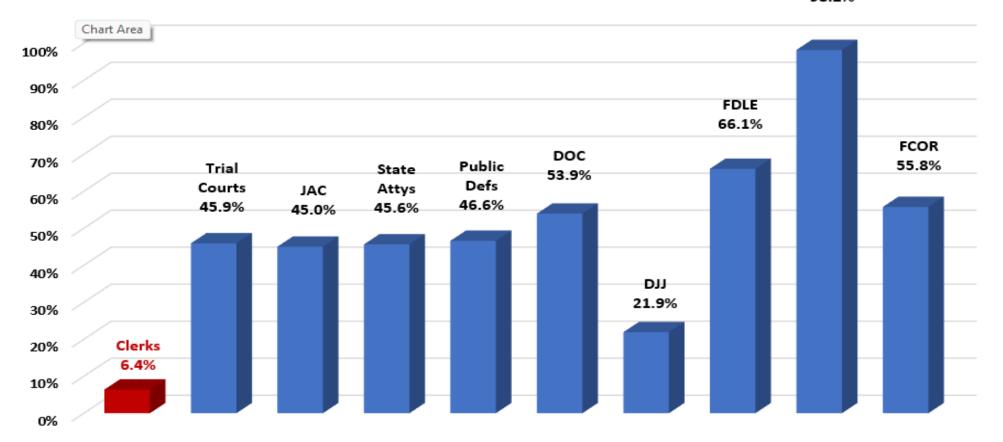


### TEN-YEAR FUNDING OVERVIEW

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- Investing in Florida's Clerks of Court is an investment in the efficiency, accessibility, and integrity of our state's justice system
- Clerks urge the Legislature to approve
  - \$3.3 million for Injunctions for Protection
  - **\$2.5 million** for Baker Act, Marchman Act, and & Sexually Violent Predators (LBR)
  - \$4.8 million additional for Juror Management
  - Fund the Whole Courtroom when creating new judgeships





# Questions?

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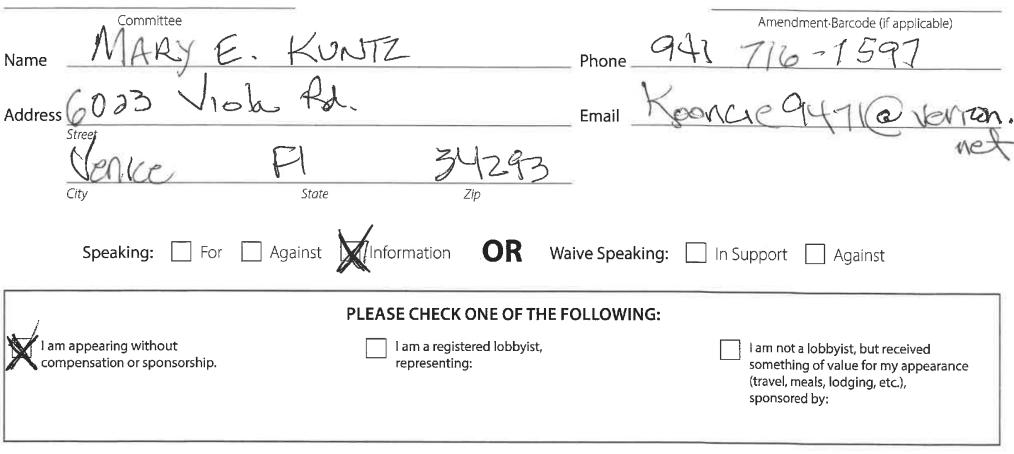
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JOINT COMMITTEE: Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

SENATOR COREY SIMON 3rd District

February 12, 2025

#### The Honorable Ileana Garcia

Chair, Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice 201 The Capitol 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Garcia,

Senator Simon respectfully requests an excused absence from the February 12, 2025, meeting of the Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen Huddleston

Stephen Huddleston Legislative Aide to Senator Corey Simon

□ 303 Senate Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1100 (850) 487-5003



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