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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Other Related Meeting Documents



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Senate Appropriations Committee on Criminal and Civil Justice

QUICK FACTS

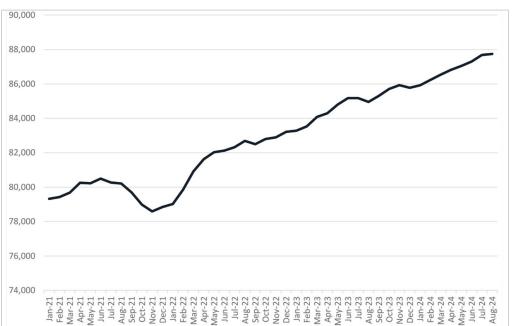
- Third-largest state prison system in the country
- FDC employs nearly 24,000 staff, incarcerates over 87,000 inmates, and supervises over 145,000 offenders in the community
- 49 major state-run prisons, and 7 contract operated facilities
- 27,000 Floridians are sentenced to state prison annually
-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

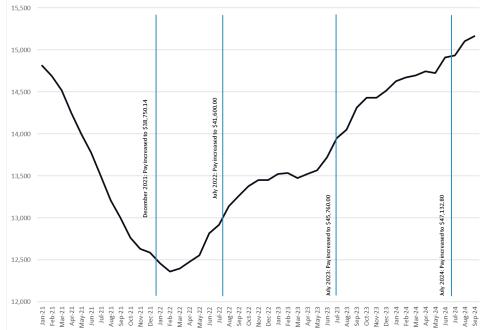




FLORIDA INMATE POPULATION

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SERIES STAFFING





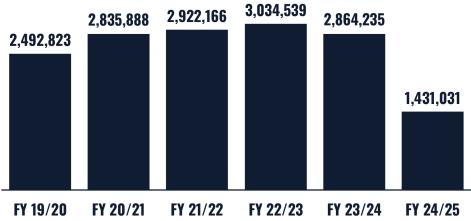


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OVERTIME

• 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

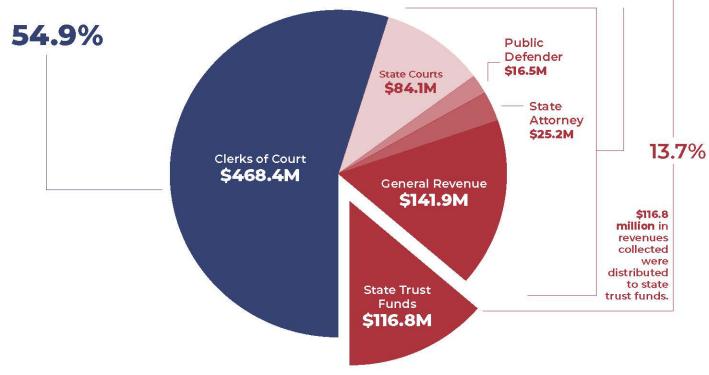
In State Fiscal Year 2023-2024, Clerks collected \$852.9 million in statutorily mandated fines and fees, of which they only retained \$468 million to provide services to the Floridians who depend on the timely resolution of their cases.

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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

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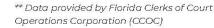
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State Trust Fund Additional Court Costs TF

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

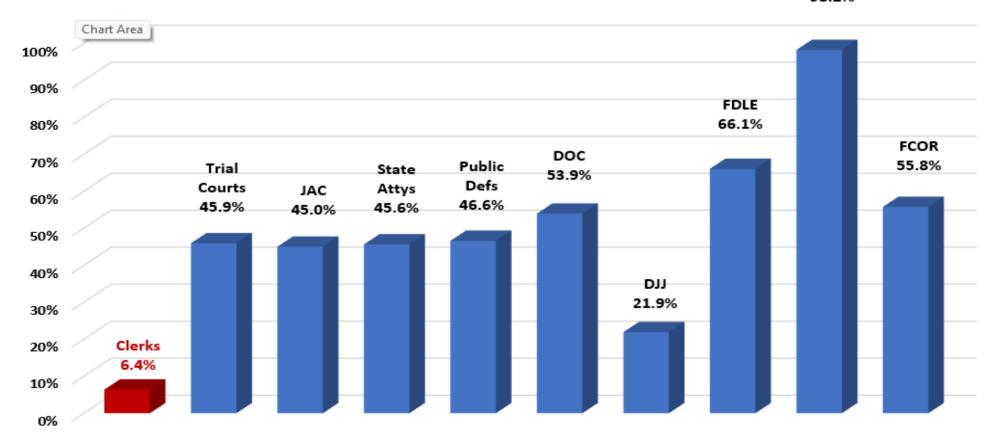


TEN-YEAR FUNDING OVERVIEW

10-Year Budget Increase Percentage -

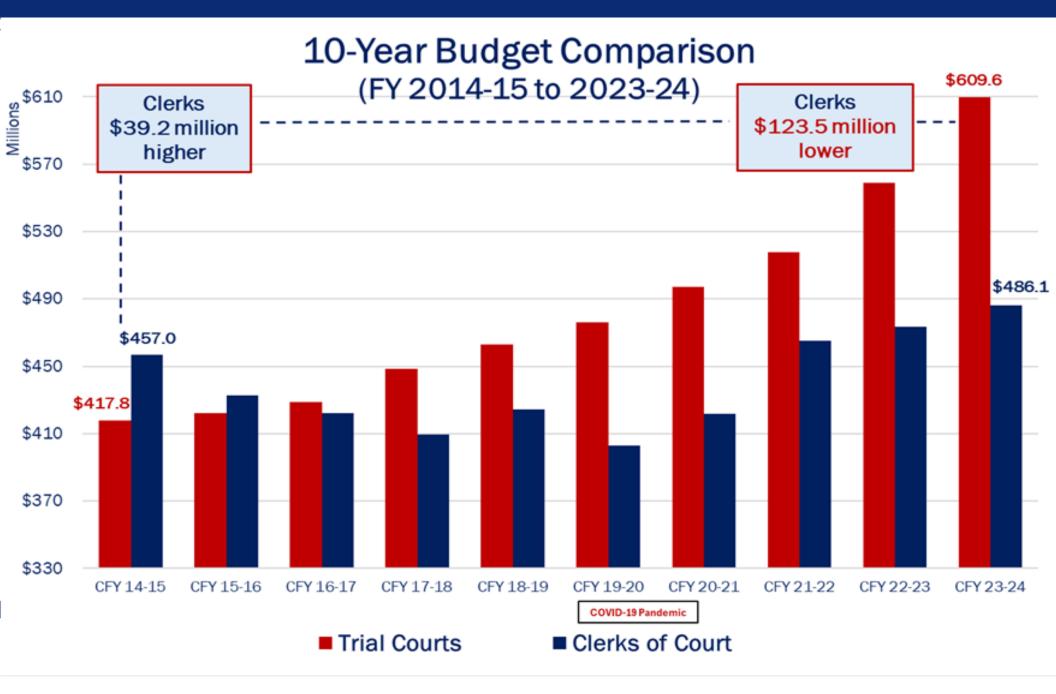
FY 2014-15 to FY 2023-24

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

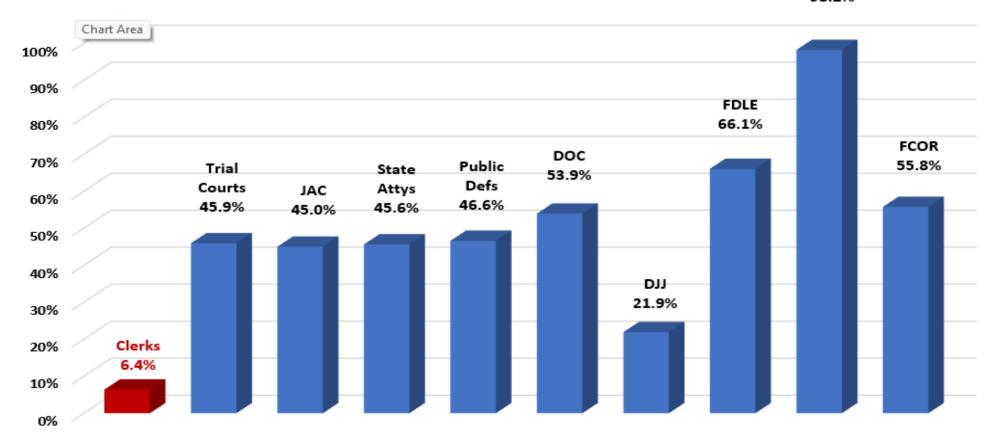


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10-Year Budget Increase Percentage -

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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





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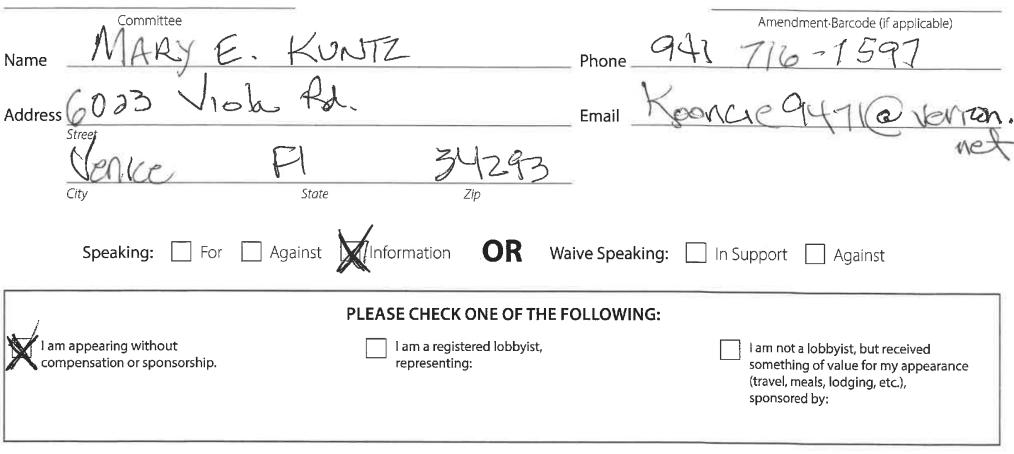
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JOINT COMMITTEE: Joint Legislative Auditing Committee

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



CourtSmart Tag Report

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