

# Judicial Department



The Judicial Department includes Virginia’s system of courts. It has responsibility for legal proceedings for criminal offenses and civil issues, including custody and control of children, divorce and other family matters, traffic offenses, and the appointment of electoral boards. The courts order funding for indigent defense through the “criminal fund,” and for involuntary commitments through the “involuntary mental commitment fund.” In addition to the court system, the Judicial Department includes other agencies that regulate the legal profession, as well as the Indigent Defense Commission and the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission.

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## Operating Summary for Judicial Department (Dollars in Millions)

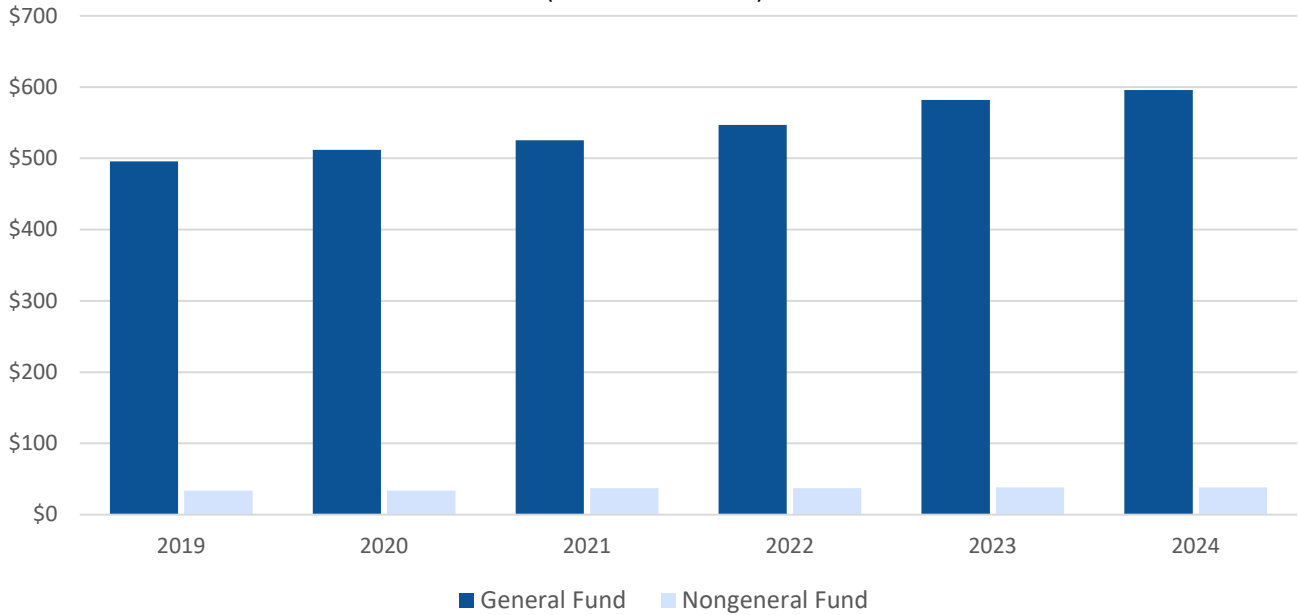
Funds	FY 2023 Approp	FY 2023 Changes	FY 2023 Total	FY 2024 Approp	FY 2024 Changes	FY 2024 Total
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$619.98</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$619.98</b>	<b>\$620.54</b>	<b>\$13.36</b>	<b>\$633.90</b>
General	\$582.03	\$0.00	\$582.03	\$582.58	\$13.36	\$595.94
Special	\$10.56	\$0.00	\$10.56	\$10.56	\$0.00	\$10.56
Dedicated Special	\$26.09	\$0.00	\$26.09	\$26.09	\$0.00	\$26.09
Federal	\$1.31	\$0.00	\$1.31	\$1.31	\$0.00	\$1.31

## Authorized Positions for Judicial Department

Funds	FY 2023 Approp	FY 2023 Changes	FY 2023 Totals	FY 2024 Approp	FY 2024 Changes	FY 2024 Totals
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,855.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3,855.71</b>	<b>3,855.71</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>3,861.71</b>
General Fund	3,749.71	0.00	3,749.71	3,749.71	6.00	3,755.71
Nongeneral Fund	106.00	0.00	106.00	106.00	0.00	106.00

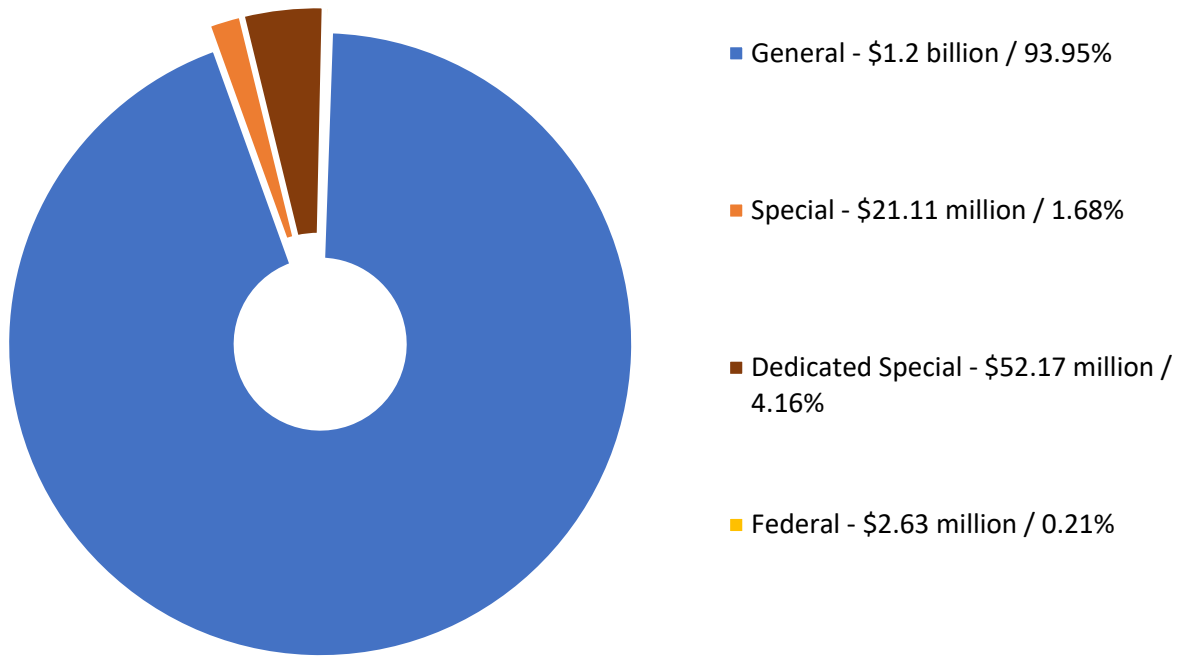
**Operating Budget History**

**Judicial Department**  
(Dollars in Millions)



**2022-2024 Biennium Total Proposed Operating Budget**

**Judicial Department**



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**Supreme Court**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$39,826,809	\$9,278,976	\$23,603,056	150.63	8.00	158.63
2020 Appropriation	\$40,115,097	\$9,278,976	\$23,603,056	150.63	8.00	158.63
2021 Appropriation	\$41,402,783	\$10,452,248	\$25,522,963	159.63	8.00	167.63
2022 Appropriation	\$49,719,954	\$10,452,248	\$32,541,757	221.63	8.00	229.63
2023 Appropriation	\$53,939,686	\$10,476,004	\$36,385,974	240.63	8.00	248.63
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$53,939,686</b>	<b>\$10,476,004</b>	<b>\$36,385,974</b>	<b>240.63</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>248.63</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$53,935,981	\$10,476,004	\$36,402,121	240.63	8.00	248.63
2024 Intro Changes	\$3,778,320	\$0	\$270,820	3.00	0.00	3.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$57,714,301</b>	<b>\$10,476,004</b>	<b>\$36,672,941</b>	<b>243.63</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>251.63</b>

**Operating Budget Changes**

**Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes**

**Provide additional human resources and fiscal services staff**

Provides funding for additional human resources and fiscal services personnel to address workload demands.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$278,320
Authorized Positions	0.00	3.00

**Increase funding for specialty dockets**

Provides funding to support specialty treatment dockets for Veterans, Behavioral Health, and Drug Treatment.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$3,500,000

**Revert surplus general fund balance**

Reverts unexpended FY 2022 balances to the general fund.

**Court of Appeals of Virginia**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$9,753,238	\$0	\$9,079,449	69.13	0.00	69.13
2020 Appropriation	\$9,753,238	\$0	\$9,079,449	69.13	0.00	69.13
2021 Appropriation	\$11,012,737	\$0	\$10,116,771	96.13	0.00	96.13
2022 Appropriation	\$18,197,264	\$0	\$16,492,393	128.13	0.00	128.13
2023 Appropriation	\$18,236,792	\$0	\$16,980,979	125.13	0.00	125.13
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$18,236,792</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$16,980,979</b>	<b>125.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>125.13</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$18,236,792	\$0	\$16,980,979	125.13	0.00	125.13
2024 Intro Changes	\$362,917	\$0	\$355,417	3.00	0.00	3.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$18,599,709</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$17,336,396</b>	<b>128.13</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>128.13</b>

**Operating Budget Changes**

**Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes**

**Provide additional staffing for Court of Appeals to address increased caseload**

Provides funding and positions to address increased caseload demands in the Court of Appeals.

	2023	2024
General Fund	\$0	\$362,917
Authorized Positions	0.00	3.00

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**Circuit Courts**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$113,971,455	\$5,000	\$50,667,495	165.00	0.00	165.00
2020 Appropriation	\$117,019,675	\$5,000	\$50,667,495	165.00	0.00	165.00
2021 Appropriation	\$114,248,355	\$0	\$49,477,068	165.00	0.00	165.00
2022 Appropriation	\$112,174,403	\$0	\$48,237,735	154.00	0.00	154.00
2023 Appropriation	\$114,175,390	\$0	\$44,216,010	154.00	0.00	154.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$114,175,390</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$44,216,010</b>	<b>154.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>154.00</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$114,172,090	\$0	\$44,212,710	154.00	0.00	154.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$827,236	\$0	\$827,236	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$114,999,326</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$45,039,946</b>	<b>154.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>154.00</b>

**Operating Budget Changes**

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

**Increase retired recalled judge per diem**

Provides funding to increase the per diem for retired and recalled judges from \$250 to \$400 per work day.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$827,236

**General District Courts**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$117,958,469	\$0	\$81,836,395	1,056.10	0.00	1,056.10
2020 Appropriation	\$122,587,475	\$0	\$81,836,395	1,056.10	0.00	1,056.10
2021 Appropriation	\$125,069,372	\$0	\$97,819,356	1,146.10	0.00	1,146.10
2022 Appropriation	\$128,310,347	\$0	\$97,537,193	1,156.10	0.00	1,156.10
2023 Appropriation	\$143,605,277	\$0	\$105,872,528	1,276.10	0.00	1,276.10
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$143,605,277</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$105,872,528</b>	<b>1,276.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,276.10</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$143,970,803	\$0	\$106,238,054	1,276.10	0.00	1,276.10
2024 Intro Changes	\$443,733	\$0	\$443,733	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$144,414,536</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$106,681,787</b>	<b>1,276.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,276.10</b>

**Operating Budget Changes**

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

**Increase retired recalled judge per diem**

Provides funding to increase the per diem for retired and recalled judges from \$250 to \$400 per work day.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$443,733

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**Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$98,711,729	\$0	\$61,566,863	617.10	0.00	617.10
2020 Appropriation	\$104,926,739	\$0	\$61,566,863	617.10	0.00	617.10
2021 Appropriation	\$107,875,063	\$0	\$66,294,653	617.10	0.00	617.10
2022 Appropriation	\$106,848,692	\$0	\$65,640,260	611.10	0.00	611.10
2023 Appropriation	\$109,065,565	\$0	\$65,488,272	611.10	0.00	611.10
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$109,065,565</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$65,488,272</b>	<b>611.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>611.10</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$109,065,565	\$0	\$65,488,272	611.10	0.00	611.10
2024 Intro Changes	\$318,267	\$0	\$318,267	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$109,383,832</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$65,806,539</b>	<b>611.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>611.10</b>

**Operating Budget Changes**

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

**Increase retired recalled judge per diem**

Provides funding to increase the per diem for retired and recalled judges from \$250 to \$400 per work day.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$318,267

**Combined District Courts**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$23,744,526	\$0	\$12,508,442	204.55	0.00	204.55
2020 Appropriation	\$23,744,526	\$0	\$12,508,442	204.55	0.00	204.55
2021 Appropriation	\$24,133,853	\$0	\$12,368,593	204.55	0.00	204.55
2022 Appropriation	\$23,136,034	\$0	\$11,370,774	195.55	0.00	195.55
2023 Appropriation	\$23,659,622	\$0	\$11,164,635	195.55	0.00	195.55
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$23,659,622</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,164,635</b>	<b>195.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>195.55</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$23,659,622	\$0	\$11,164,635	195.55	0.00	195.55
2024 Intro Changes	\$82,837	\$0	\$82,837	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$23,742,459</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$11,247,472</b>	<b>195.55</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>195.55</b>

**Operating Budget Changes**

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

**Increase retired recalled judge per diem**

Provides funding to increase the per diem for retired and recalled judges from \$250 to \$400 per work day.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$82,837

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**Magistrate System**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$33,859,000	\$0	\$31,993,397	446.20	0.00	446.20
2020 Appropriation	\$33,859,000	\$0	\$31,993,397	446.20	0.00	446.20
2021 Appropriation	\$35,364,272	\$0	\$33,283,547	446.20	0.00	446.20
2022 Appropriation	\$32,747,182	\$0	\$30,666,457	423.20	0.00	423.20
2023 Appropriation	\$38,333,727	\$0	\$35,930,485	423.20	0.00	423.20
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$38,333,727</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$35,930,485</b>	<b>423.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>423.20</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$38,528,011	\$0	\$36,124,769	423.20	0.00	423.20
2024 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$38,528,011</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$36,124,769</b>	<b>423.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>423.20</b>

**Board of Bar Examiners**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,716,606	\$1,296,108	0.00	9.00	9.00
2020 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,716,606	\$1,296,108	0.00	9.00	9.00
2021 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,762,384	\$1,372,661	0.00	9.00	9.00
2022 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,762,384	\$1,372,661	0.00	9.00	9.00
2023 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,820,982	\$1,392,768	0.00	9.00	9.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,820,982</b>	<b>\$1,392,768</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$0	\$1,820,982	\$1,392,768	0.00	9.00	9.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,820,982</b>	<b>\$1,392,768</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>	<b>9.00</b>

**Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$656,142	\$0	\$561,736	3.00	0.00	3.00
2020 Appropriation	\$656,142	\$0	\$561,736	3.00	0.00	3.00
2021 Appropriation	\$678,657	\$0	\$584,065	3.00	0.00	3.00
2022 Appropriation	\$678,657	\$0	\$584,065	3.00	0.00	3.00
2023 Appropriation	\$707,601	\$0	\$562,503	3.00	0.00	3.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$707,601</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$562,503</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$707,601	\$0	\$562,503	3.00	0.00	3.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$707,601</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$562,503</b>	<b>3.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>3.00</b>

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**Indigent Defense Commission**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$51,286,554	\$12,000	\$46,723,834	546.00	0.00	546.00
2020 Appropriation	\$51,922,158	\$12,000	\$47,360,809	566.00	0.00	566.00
2021 Appropriation	\$58,388,463	\$11,980	\$52,865,529	660.00	0.00	660.00
2022 Appropriation	\$66,195,546	\$11,980	\$55,924,205	701.00	0.00	701.00
2023 Appropriation	\$69,524,320	\$11,980	\$63,291,378	709.00	0.00	709.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$69,524,320</b>	<b>\$11,980</b>	<b>\$63,291,378</b>	<b>709.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>709.00</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$69,524,320	\$11,980	\$63,291,378	709.00	0.00	709.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$7,425,851	\$0	\$7,425,851	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$76,950,171</b>	<b>\$11,980</b>	<b>\$70,717,229</b>	<b>709.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>709.00</b>

**Operating Budget Changes**

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

**Address salary and compression issues in public defender offices**

Provides compensation adjustments to address recruitment and retention issues in public defender offices.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$7,425,851

**Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$1,126,340	\$70,031	\$977,004	10.00	0.00	10.00
2020 Appropriation	\$1,126,340	\$70,031	\$977,004	10.00	0.00	10.00
2021 Appropriation	\$1,170,582	\$70,069	\$1,020,605	10.00	0.00	10.00
2022 Appropriation	\$1,503,782	\$70,069	\$1,353,805	12.00	0.00	12.00
2023 Appropriation	\$1,555,977	\$70,069	\$1,297,469	12.00	0.00	12.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$1,555,977</b>	<b>\$70,069</b>	<b>\$1,297,469</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$1,555,977	\$70,069	\$1,297,469	12.00	0.00	12.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$120,600	\$0	\$120,600	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$1,676,577</b>	<b>\$70,069</b>	<b>\$1,418,069</b>	<b>12.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12.00</b>

**Operating Budget Changes**

Introduced Budget Non-Technical Changes

**Provide compensation adjustments to address recruitment and retention**

Provides funding for compensation adjustments to address recruitment and retention issues.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Fund	\$0	\$120,600

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**Virginia State Bar**

	Operating Budget Summary			Authorized Position Summary		
	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Personnel Cost	General Fund	Nongeneral Fund	Total Positions
2019 Appropriation	\$4,791,473	\$22,590,451	\$10,370,250	0.00	89.00	89.00
2020 Appropriation	\$6,066,473	\$22,590,451	\$10,370,250	0.00	89.00	89.00
2021 Appropriation	\$6,071,912	\$25,071,191	\$11,030,169	0.00	178.00	178.00
2022 Appropriation	\$7,571,912	\$25,071,191	\$11,030,169	0.00	89.00	89.00
2023 Appropriation	\$9,224,120	\$25,577,764	\$12,178,604	0.00	89.00	89.00
2023 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2023 Total</b>	<b>\$9,224,120</b>	<b>\$25,577,764</b>	<b>\$12,178,604</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>89.00</b>	<b>89.00</b>
2024 Appropriation	\$9,224,120	\$25,577,764	\$12,178,604	0.00	89.00	89.00
2024 Intro Changes	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$9,224,120</b>	<b>\$25,577,764</b>	<b>\$12,178,604</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>89.00</b>	<b>89.00</b>