

House Bill 502

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 15-11-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 creation of juvenile courts and provisions relative to juvenile court judges, so as to provide
3 for salary adjustments for full-time and part-time juvenile court judges who are paid with
4 state funds; to change terminology; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective
5 date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 15-11-18 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to creation of
9 juvenile courts and provisions relative to juvenile court judges, is amended by striking
10 subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

11 *"(d) Terms and compensation of judges.*

12 (1) Each juvenile court judge appointed under this Code section shall serve for a term of
13 four years. Except as otherwise provided by law, the compensation of the full-time or
14 part-time juvenile court judges shall be set by the superior court as provided in
15 subsection (h) of this Code section with the approval of the governing authority or
16 governing authorities of the county or counties for which the juvenile court judge is
17 appointed.

18 (2) The state, out of funds appropriated to the judicial branch of government, shall
19 contribute toward the salary of the judges on a per circuit basis in the following amounts:

20 (A) Each circuit with one or more juvenile court judges who are not superior court
21 judges assuming the duties of juvenile court judges shall receive a state grant funding
22 in the amount of \$85,000.00, plus any annual salary adjustments provided to state
23 officials in the future by subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-4 without regard to the
24 number of superior court judges in the circuit. Such state funds shall be spent solely
25 on salaries for juvenile court judges and shall not be used for any other purposes.

1 (B) In addition to the base amount set out in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, each
 2 circuit which on or after October 1, ~~2000~~ 2003, has more than four superior court
 3 judges is eligible for additional state ~~grants~~ funds. For each superior court judge who
 4 exceeds the base of four judges, the circuit shall be eligible for ~~an additional grant state~~
 5 funds in an amount equal to one-fourth of the base amount of the state ~~grant~~ funding set
 6 out in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph. Such additional state ~~grants~~ funds shall be
 7 spent solely on salaries for juvenile court judges and shall not be used for any other
 8 purposes.

9 (C) In those circuits where the judge or judges of the superior court elect to use the
 10 state ~~grant~~ funds provided in this Code section for one or more part-time judges, the
 11 amount of the state ~~grant~~ funds shall be as follows:

- 12 (i) For each part-time judge who works one day weekly \$ 17,000.00
- 13 (ii) For each part-time judge who works two days weekly 34,000.00
- 14 (iii) For each part-time judge who works three days weekly 51,000.00
- 15 (iv) For each part-time judge who works four days weekly 68,000.00;

16 provided, however, that ~~a grant~~ funding for one or more part-time judges shall not
 17 exceed the amount the circuit is eligible for in accordance with subparagraphs (A)
 18 and (B) of this paragraph.

19 (3) After the initial appointments and prior to any subsequent appointment or
 20 reappointment of any part-time or full-time juvenile court judge under this Code section,
 21 the judge or judges responsible for making the appointment shall publish notice of the
 22 opening on the juvenile court once a month for three months prior to such appointment
 23 or reappointment in the official legal organs of each of the counties in the circuit where
 24 the juvenile court judge has venue. The expense of such publication shall be paid by the
 25 county governing authority in the county where such notice or notices are published.

26 (4) Minimum salaries for full-time juvenile court judges shall be as provided in
 27 subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, plus any annual salary adjustment
 28 provided to state officials in the future by subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-4 without
 29 regard to the number of superior court judges in the circuit.

30 (5) Minimum salaries for part-time juvenile court judges shall be as provided in
 31 subparagraph (C) of paragraph (2) of this subsection, plus any annual salary adjustment
 32 provided to state officials in the future by subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-4."

33 **SECTION 2.**

34 This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2004.

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SECTION 3.

2 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.