



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 144

Committee: Finance and Taxation General Fund Sponsor: Senator Will Barfoot

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Senate Bill 144 as introduced would increase the obligations of the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC), funded by the State General Fund, by an estimated \$3.1 million for fiscal year 2025 and an estimated minimum of \$4.1 million each fiscal year thereafter, to create 6 additional circuit judgeships (one each in the 6th, 11th, 19th, 23rd, 28th, and 37th Judicial Circuits) and 4 additional district judgeships (one each in Baldwin, DeKalb, Mobile and Shelby Counties).

In addition, this bill would further increase the obligations of AOC, funded by the State General Fund, by an estimated \$939,000 for fiscal year 2027 and an estimated minimum of \$1.3 million each fiscal year thereafter to create 2 additional circuit judgeships (one each in the 19th and 28th Judicial Circuits) and one additional district judgeship (Madison County).