

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **Item 2: Judicial Department Office of the State Court Administrator Reorganization**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Public Safety Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Stark

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The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means including an increase of \$2,432,008 General Fund and authorizing the establishment of 15 permanent full-time positions (8.75 FTE) for the Judicial Department, Office of the State Court Administrator, in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2022 legislative session to reorganize the Office of the State Court Administrator, with instructions that the Judicial Department work with the Legislative Fiscal Office to align the Department's 2023-25 budget structure with the reorganization.

The Office of the State Court Administrator assists the Chief Justice in the general administration of circuit, tax, and appellate courts in the state. The reorganization includes creating a new division with discrete civil and criminal components and adding management and staff to two existing divisions.

The 2023-25 biennium cost of this request totals \$4 million General Fund and 15 positions (15.00 FTE).

The reorganization will require the re-alignment of the department's budget structure.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.