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House Bill 4309 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.
House Committee: Appropriations
Senate Committee: Appropriations

CONTENT

The bill contains appropriation reductions to the Judiciary and the Legislature, including the Legislative Auditor General. These appropriation reductions total \$6.9 million, all of which is General Fund money, and represent approximately 4.0% of total General Fund appropriations in these budgets. The appropriation reductions address a portion of the projected FY 2008-09 GF/GP budget deficit. Following is a brief summary of the appropriations contained in House Bill 4309 (S-1).

Judiciary: The bill includes a 4.0% General Fund reduction for the judicial branch. These reductions are distributed proportionally across all line items containing General Fund dollars, excluding judicial salaries, as follows:

Line Item	Gross P.A. 250 of 2008	GF/GP P.A. 250 of 2008	Reduction H.B. 4309 (S-1)
Supreme court administration	\$11,049,700	\$10,482,500	(\$502,000)
Judicial institute	2,671,700	2,104,000	(100,800)
State court administrative office	10,321,900	5,770,200	(276,300)
Judicial information systems	3,230,700	2,480,700	(118,800)
Foster care review board	1,267,100	726,700	(34,800)
Drug treatment courts	5,178,800	658,300	(31,600)
Mental health treatment courts	550,000	550,000	(26,400)
Court of appeals	19,207,900	17,171,600	(822,300)
Judicial tenure commission	1,013,100	1,013,100	(40,500)
Appellate public defender	5,075,100	4,585,000	(183,400)
Appellate assigned counsel	941,500	825,000	(33,000)
State court equity fund reimbursements	67,403,900	16,963,900	(678,700)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REDUCTION			(\$2,848,600)

Legislature: The bill includes a 4.0% General Fund reduction for the legislative branch. These reductions are distributed proportionally across all line items containing General Fund dollars, excluding legislator salaries, expense allowances, travel allowances, and contractual obligations, as follows:

Line Item	Gross P.A. 261 of 2008	GF/GP P.A. 261 of 2008	Reduction H.B. 4309 (S-1)
Senate	\$29,126,400	\$29,126,400	(\$971,300)
Senate Automated Data Processing	2,549,600	2,549,600	(102,000)
Senate Fiscal Agency	3,219,200	3,219,200	(128,800)
House of Representatives	45,515,800	45,515,800	(1,282,400)
House Automated Data Processing	2,024,900	2,024,900	(81,000)
House Fiscal Agency	3,219,200	3,219,200	(128,800)
Legislative Council	10,110,200	9,710,200	(388,400)
LSB-ADP	1,374,800	1,374,800	(55,000)
Cora Anderson Building	7,734,200	7,734,200	(309,400)
Farnum Building and other properties	1,891,400	1,891,400	(75,700)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REDUCTION			(\$3,522,800)

Legislative Auditor General: The bill includes a 4.0% General Fund reduction for the Legislative Auditor General as follows:

Line Item	Gross P.A. 261 of 2008	GF/GP P.A. 261 of 2008	Reduction H.B. 4309 (S-1)
Field Operations	15,577,700	12,236,300	(502,000)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REDUCTION			(\$502,000)

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill contains spending reductions for the judicial and legislative branches. These reductions may be achieved through a combination of layoffs, furlough days, unfilled vacancies, and other spending restrictions.

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