



FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 39

Committee: Judiciary

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Senate Bill 39 as passed the Senate would increase the obligations of the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC), funded by the State General Fund, by an estimated \$2.1 million for fiscal year 2025 and an estimated minimum of \$2.9 million each fiscal year thereafter, to create four additional circuit judgeship (one each in the 11th, 19th, 23rd, and 28th Judicial Circuits) and three additional district judgeships (one each in Baldwin, DeKalb, and Mobile Counties).

In addition, this bill would further increase the obligations of AOC, funded by the State General Fund, by an estimated \$1.9 million for fiscal year 2027 and an estimated minimum of \$2.5 million each fiscal year thereafter to create four additional circuit judgeships (one each in the 6th, 19th, 28th, and 37th Judicial Circuits) and two additional district judgeships (one each in Madison and Shelby Counties).

This bill would set a moratorium on the reallocation of judges by the Judicial Resources Allocation Commission, until January 1, 2027, for reallocating vacant judgeships.

Further, this bill could increase the administrative obligations of AOC to comply with the reporting requirements provided in this bill.