

Committee on Budget

SB 2116 — State Judicial System

by Budget Committee

This bill:

- Authorizes the regional conflict counsels to establish a Direct Support Organization to benefit the offices and further their mission.
- Makes property title and vehicle searches for indigency determination optional by the clerk of court.
- Requires that payments for attorney fees in criminal conflict cases ordered by the court to be first paid from funds appropriated to the Justice Administrative Commission. After those funds are exhausted, additional payments ordered by the court shall come from funds appropriated to the state court system.
- Requires an agreement between counties and the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office when counties provide staff to local Guardian Ad Litem programs.
- Requires the Clerks of Court Operations Corporation to collect and summarize reports to the Legislature on a local surcharge on traffic tickets used to fund court facilities.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2011.

Vote: Senate 36-3; House 114-4