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The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Division of Plant and Property, Bureau of Court Facilities to accept and expend funds from the Judicial Branch in the amount of $280,511 to correct a budgeting discrepancy which will allow DAS to continue to make lease payments for Goffstown and Hooksett Circuit Courts effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2026. **100% Transfers from Other Agencies**

Funds are to be budgeted as follows: 01-14-14-141510-20450000 Department of Administrative Services, Division of Plant & Property Management, Bureau of Court Facilities

Class - Account	Class Description	FY26 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY26 Adjusted Authorized
001-482810-69	XFERS FROM OTHER AGENCY	10,295,878	280,511	10,576,389
009-406918-22	AGENCY INCOME	440,038		440,038
	TOTAL REVENUE	**10,735,916**	**280,511**	**11,016,427**
010-500100	PERSONAL SERVICES PERM	1,372,431		1,372,431
011-500126	PERSONAL SERVICES UNCLASS	124,875		124,875
018-500106	OVERTIME	100,000		100,000
020-500200	CURRENT EXPENSES	195,271		195,271
022-500248	RENTS-LEASES OTHER THAN STA	3,283,935	280,511	3,564,446
023-500214	HEAT ELECTRICITY WATER	2,176,973		2,176,973
027-582703	TRANSFERS TO DOIT	240,556		240,556
030-500311	EQUIPMENT NEW REPLACEMENT	20,300		20,300
039-500191	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	73,812		73,812
047-500240	OWN FORCES MAINT BUILD-GRN	7,500		7,500

048-500226	CONTRACTUAL MAINT BUILD-GRN	1,463,352		1,463,352
050-500109	PERSONAL SERVICE TEMP APPOI	416,718		416,718
060-500602	BENEFITS	906,147		906,147
066-500543	EMPLOYEE TRAINING	200		200
070-500704	IN STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEME	7,000		7,000
080-500717	OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REIMB	200		200
103-500737	CONTRACTS FOR OP SERVICES	341,537		341,537
211-501530	CATASTROPHIC CASUALTY INS	5,109		5,109
	TOTAL EXPENSES	**10,735,916**	**280,511**	**11,016,427**

EXPLANATION

This request is to accept and expend an amount from the Judicial Branch in order to align the Judicial Branch class 28 – Transfer to Plant and Property - budget amount to that of the Division of Plant and Property, Bureau of Court Facilities. This will restore the funding for the Goffstown and Hooksett circuit courthouses in the Bureau of Court Facilities budget.

During the budget process the Legislature restored funding to the Judicial Branch's budget to avoid the closure of the Goffstown and Hooksett circuit courthouses; however, a technical discrepancy occurred. The funding was added back to the Judicial Branch's class 28 transfer line but was not restored to the Bureau of Court Facilities budget line, which is responsible for making the actual lease payments.

Without the authorization to accept and expend these funds, the Bureau of Court Facilities does not have enough funding to make the lease payments. Therefore, we are asking for your approval to restore the funds to the Bureau of Court Facilities budget and align the budget with the clear intent to continue to make the lease payments for the Goffstown and Hooksett circuit courthouses.

In accordance with RSA 21-I: 12, II, the Department of Administrative Services, Division of Plant and Property Management is responsible to provide "for the general maintenance of state-owned buildings and grounds, except as otherwise provided by law." This includes "providing suitable court facilities for the conduct of all court sessions held within each judicial district and county, subject to the availability of appropriated funds, in accordance with RSA 490-B".

Funds will be allocated as follows:

Class 022 – Rents Leases Other Than State – Funds will be used to continue lease payments for the Goffstown and Hooksett Circuit Court for FY26.

Respectfully submitted,

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for

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Commissioner