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

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

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 604-A:1-b, Additional Funding, authorize the Judicial Council to receive an additional appropriation from funds not otherwise appropriated in the total amount of \$200,000, to make payments pursuant to RSA 135-C:23 to attorneys contracted to represent individuals in involuntary admissions cases, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval, through June 30, 2027. **100% General Funds.**

Funding is to be budgeted in 02-07-07-070010-10930000 CONTRACT COUNSEL as follows:

Class/Expense Class Title Budget	Current Budget	Change	Revised
102/500732 Provider Payments Legal Services	\$1,735,000	\$200,000	\$1,935,000

EXPLANATION

This account funds the work of contract counsel. Effective July 1, 2025, RSA 135-C:23 was amended such that the Judicial Council is now responsible for paying for attorneys to represent individuals in certain involuntary admissions cases. The Judicial Council is submitting a separate request to Governor and Council to enter into a MOU with the Judicial Branch to make payments for these services through existing contracts.

Based on historical billing trends, it is anticipated that expenses for these services would not exceed \$300,000, however, the current available balance in this account is approximately \$100,000. The Judicial Council is requesting an additional \$200,000 so that it can cover expected expenses through June 30, 2026.

This agency will remain at your service to provide any requested information concerning the importance of this additional funding to the orderly administration of justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay M. Buckey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jay M. Buckey
Executive Director