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JSCCD11 Changes regarding court reporters; electronic records; transcripts

R.C. 2101.08, 2301.18, 2301.19 (*Repealed*),
2301.20 - 2301.26, 2501.16, 2501.17,
2743.09, 1509.36, 1571.14, 2301.03, 2319.27,
2939.11, 3745.05

- (1) Changes the designation under current law of "stenographic reporter" or "shorthand reporter" as appointed by the court of common pleas, a probate judge, a court of appeals, or the Clerk of the Court of Claims simply to "reporter."
- (2) Repeals the section authorizing the appointment of assistant shorthand reporters by a court of common pleas, relocates some of the provisions in the repealed section to the section pertaining to the appointment of reporters by the court of common pleas, and changes the designation to "assistant reporters."
- (3) Requires all civil and criminal actions in the court of common pleas to be recorded, requires the reporter to take accurate notes of or electronically record oral testimony, and applies existing law requirements for the filing and preservation of notes to the filing and preservation of the electronic records.
- (4) Requires a reporter to provide transcripts of an electronic recording upon request by the court or either party to the action under the same procedure as the furnishing of transcripts of notes and provides that copies of transcripts be provided at cost and electronic copies be provided free of charge.
- (5) Requires that transcripts requested by an indigent defendant in a criminal case be paid from the county treasury and taxed and collected as costs.
- (6) Permits the official reporter of the county or a designated reporter to electronically record testimony before a grand jury under the same procedure as the taking of notes.
- (7) Changes the references from "official court shorthand reporter" to "official court reporter" for purposes of certain provisions governing appeals to the Oil and Gas Commission, the Director of Natural Resources, and the Environmental Review Appeals Commission and provides for the provision of an electronic record or stenographic record (current law) of the evidence upon a party's request.

Fiscal effect: Largely codifies current or best practices in many of the state's courts, and will generally have no more than a minimal effect on any given court's revenues and expenditures.

Executive**JSCCD1 Law Related Education****Section: 315.10**

Requires GRF appropriation item 005406, Law-Related Education, to be distributed directly to the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education for the purposes of providing continuing citizenship education activities to primary and secondary students, expanding delinquency prevention programs, increasing activities for at-risk youth, and accessing additional public and private money for new programs.

JSCCD2 Ohio Courts Technology Initiative**Section: 315.10**

Requires GRF appropriation item 005409, Ohio Courts Technology Initiative, to be used to fund: (1) the creation of an Ohio Courts Network, (2) the delivery of technology services to courts statewide, and (3) the operation of the Commission on Technology and the Courts.

JSCCD5 Federal Grants**Section: 315.10**

(1) Requires the Federal Grants Fund (Fund 3J00) consist of grants and other money awarded to the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) by the federal government or other entities that receive the money directly from the federal government and distribute that money to the Supreme Court (The Judiciary).

(2) Requires that money appropriated to the fund's related FED appropriation item 005603, Federal Grants, be used in a manner consistent with the purpose of the grant or award.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 3J00 to any other fund.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 3J00 to be credited or transferred to the GRF.

Executive**JSCCD6 Attorney Services****Section: 315.10**

(1) Requires the Attorney Services Fund (Fund 4C80) consist of money received by the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) pursuant to the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

(2) Permits the money appropriated to the fund's related SSR appropriation item 005605, Attorney Services, to be used to fund activities considered appropriate by the Supreme Court, including compensating employees and funding appropriate activities of the following offices established by the Supreme Court: the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, the Clients' Security Fund, and the Attorney Services Division.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 4C80 to be credited to the fund.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 4C80 to any other fund.

JSCCD7 Court Interpreter Certification**Section: 315.10**

(1) Requires the Court Interpreter Certification Fund (Fund 5HT0) consist of money received by the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) pursuant to Rules 80 through 87 of the Rules of Superintendence for the Courts of Ohio.

(2) Requires money appropriated to the fund's related SSR appropriation item 005617, Court Interpreter Certification, to be used to provide training, to provide the written examination, and to pay language experts to rate, or grade, the oral examinations of those applying to become certified court interpreters.

(3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.

(4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 5HT0 to any other fund.

(5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5HT0 to be credited to the fund.

Executive**JSCCD8 Grants and Awards****Section: 315.10**

- (1) Requires the Grants and Awards Fund (Fund 5T80) consist of grants and other money awarded to the Supreme Court (The Judiciary) by the State Justice Institute, the Division of Criminal Justice Services, or other entities.
 - (2) Requires any money appropriated to the fund's related SSR appropriation item 005609, Grants and Awards, to be used in a manner consistent with the grant or award.
 - (3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.
 - (4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 5T80 to any other fund.
 - (5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 5T80 to be credited to the GRF.
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JSCCD9 Supreme Court Admissions**Section: 315.10**

- (1) Requires that the Supreme Court Admissions Fund (Fund 6A80) consist of money deposited under the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.
 - (2) Requires that any money appropriated to the fund's related SSR appropriation item 005606, Supreme Court Admissions, to be used to compensate Supreme Court employees who are primarily responsible for administering the attorney admissions program under the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, and to fund any other activities considered appropriate by the Court.
 - (3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.
 - (4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 6A80 to any other fund.
 - (5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 6A80 to be credited to the fund.
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JSCCD10 Continuing Judicial Education

Section: 315.10

- (1) Requires the Continuing Judicial Education Fund (Fund 6720) consist of fees paid by judges and court personnel for attending continuing education courses and other gifts and grants received for the purpose of continuing judicial education.
 - (2) Requires any money appropriated to the fund's related GSF appropriation item 005601, Continuing Judicial Education, to be used to pay expenses for continuing education courses for judges and court personnel.
 - (3) Appropriates additional amounts as determined necessary by the Administrative Director of the Supreme Court.
 - (4) Prohibits the Director of Budget and Management or the Controlling Board from transferring any of the money in Fund 6720 to any other fund.
 - (5) Requires any interest earned on the money in Fund 6720 to be credited to the fund.
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