

Administrative Office of the Courts

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5 district court judgeships, one each in district:

- ▶ 29A (McDowell and Rutherford counties)
- ▶ 4 (Duplin, Jones, Onslow, and Sampson counties)
- ▶ 19A (Cabarrus county)
- ▶ 22A (Alexander and Iredell counties)
- ▶ 29B (Henderson, Polk, and Transylvania counties)

These districts are the five worst off from a workload to judge ratio. They currently have 73 – 84% of needed judgeships **before** the increased workload from raising the age.

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8 assistant district attorneys, one each in district:

- ▶ 12 (Harnett and Lee counties)
- ▶ 15 (Bladen, Columbus, and Brunswick counties)
- ▶ 24 (Guilford county)
- ▶ 38 (Gaston county)
- ▶ 13 (Johnston county)
- ▶ 36 (Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba counties)
- ▶ 11 (Granville, Franklin, Person, Vance, and Warren Counties)
- ▶ 14 (Cumberland county)

These districts are the eight worst off from a workload to prosecutor ratio. They currently have 80 – 90% of needed prosecutors **before** the increased workload from raising the age.

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- ▶ 7 district attorney legal assistants and 6 deputy clerks
- ▶ The annualized total recurring cost for these 26 positions is \$2,788,749; with a non-recurring cost of \$122,841.

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- JJAC voted to recommend funding existing AOC deficiencies.

Result:

The Committee recommends funding the existing Administrative Office of the Courts' staff deficiencies (168 positions) at an FY 19-20 annualized cost of \$14,482,340 and non-recurring cost of \$641,657. The deficiencies are as follows:

- 10 District Court Judgeships
- 45 Assistant District Attorneys
- 60.5 District Attorney Legal Assistants
- 52 Deputy and Assistant Clerks

Office of Juvenile Defender (\$122,000 in FY 19-20)

These funds are recommended because the Office of Juvenile Defender is anticipating increased work in juvenile court with implementation of the Juvenile Justice Reinvestment Act, and is requesting one additional assistant juvenile defender.