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Minor Policy and Technical Changes -- Chapter 20 Schedule (Circuit Courts)

CURRENT LAW

The state does not provide any reimbursement to counties who employ law clerks in the circuit courts.

GOVERNOR

No provision.

MODIFICATION

Delete "Law clerk reimbursement payments" from the Circuit Court's Chapter 20 appropriations schedule.

Explanation: In its budget request, the Circuit Courts requested a pilot law clerk reimbursement program to reimburse certain counties for costs relating to law clerk salaries and fringe benefits. The request was not included in the bill so there is no statutory language authorizing such a program under current law or under the bill. However, under the Chapter 20 schedule for the Circuit Courts, an annual GPR appropriation, with no funding in 2001-03, is shown for law clerk reimbursement payments. The reference to such a program under the Chapter 20 schedule was inadvertently included in the bill and should be deleted.

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