

# LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, AND EXECUTIVE

**G**overnmental entities classified under the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive section are either established as independent entities under the California Constitution or are departments that operate outside the agency structure. Constitutionally established bodies include the Legislature, the Judicial Branch, Governor’s Office, and Constitutional Officers.

The 2011 Budget Act includes total funding of more than \$9 billion for all programs included in this area.

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## JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Judicial Branch consists of the state-level judiciary which includes the Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeal, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and 58 superior courts.

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### ADOPTED SOLUTIONS

- Courts Reduction—A reduction of \$350 million to the court system. A portion of this reduction will be offset by a variety of fund shifts, the use of reserve balances, and expenditure delays.

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- Conservatorship Program Suspension—A reduction of \$17.4 million General Fund related to statutory changes making the Conservatorship and Guardianship Act of 2006 permissive at the trial court level.
- General Fund Loan—A loan of \$350 million from the State Trial Court Construction Fund to the General Fund.
- Pause Court Construction Projects—A transfer of \$310.3 million from the Immediate and Critical Needs Account to the General Fund. Forty projects will be delayed for up to a year once the current acquisition or design phase is complete. As additional revenues above the transfer amount materialize, these projects will be able to start the next authorized phase.

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### **OTHER CHANGES**

The Budget includes the following significant change:

- Revocation Hearings—An increase of \$18.9 million for court workload resulting from the shift of responsibility for post-release supervision revocation hearings to the trial courts.

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### **GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

The Office of the Governor provides for the overall direction and executive administration of all state agencies and departments under its purview. The Governor's Office is funded from the General Fund and a special fund that supports centralized state administrative costs.

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### **ADOPTED SOLUTIONS**

- 25-Percent Reduction—A reduction of \$4.5 million (\$3.7 million General Fund) to the Governor's Office. These savings will be generated by eliminating positions within the Governor's Office.

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## **CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**

The principal objective of the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) is to reduce vulnerability to hazards and crimes through emergency management and criminal justice.

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### **ADOPTED SOLUTIONS**

- California Disaster Assistance Act Payments—An ongoing reduction of \$20 million related to an adjustment of projected future disaster payment liabilities.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

As chief law officer of the state, the Attorney General has the responsibility to see that the laws of California are uniformly and adequately enforced through the programs of the Department of Justice.

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### **ADOPTED SOLUTIONS**

- Eliminate General Fund from the Division of Law Enforcement—A reduction of \$36.8 million beginning in 2011-12, and \$71.5 million in 2012-13 and ongoing. General Fund resources have been maintained for the forensic laboratory program, the Armed Prohibited Persons Program, and investigation teams to assist the Department's legal services division.
- Quest Settlement—A one-time transfer of \$20 million from the False Claims Act Fund to the General Fund resulting from the whistleblower settlement reached by the Attorney General against Quest Diagnostics.

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