

LEGISLATIVE, JUDICIAL, AND EXECUTIVE

Governmental entities classified under the Legislative, Judicial, and Executive section of the Governor's Budget 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 2011-12 May Revision includes total funding of \$9.4 billion (\$2.5 billion General Fund and \$6.9 billion other funds) for all programs included in this area.

In addition to the changes discussed in this chapter, the May Revision includes proposals to reduce state operations and achieve statewide efficiencies. Please see the Reducing State Government chapter for the details of the Governor's proposal.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Judicial Branch consists of the state-level judiciary which includes the Supreme Court, the Courts of Appeal, and the Administrative Office of the Courts. Prior to 1998, the trial courts consisted of county superior and municipal courts, but have since been unified into 58 superior courts.

RECENTLY ADOPTED SOLUTIONS

The Legislature approved the following major solutions in March. They are either signed into law by the Governor or in pending legislation.

- Courts Reduction—A reduction of \$200 million to the court system. This reduction was allocated proportionately across the state level-judiciary and the trial courts. In addition, much of the trial court portion was offset by a variety of fund shifts, the use of reserve balances, and expenditure delays.
- 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.

OTHER POLICY PROPOSALS AND MAJOR WORKLOAD ADJUSTMENTS

The May Revision includes the following significant policy proposals necessary to ensure the efficient administration of justice:

- Parole Revocation Hearings—An increase of \$41.8 million for court workload resulting from the shift of responsibility for parole and post-release supervision revocation hearings to the Judicial Branch in AB 109 (Chapter 15, Statutes of 2011). Of this amount, \$2.5 million is added to the court security realignment total.

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 to ensure a safe and resilient California. The Cal EMA coordinates emergency activities to save lives and reduce property loss during disasters and to expedite recovery from the effects of disasters. On a day-to-day basis, the Cal EMA provides leadership, assistance, and support to state and local agencies in planning and preparing for the most effective use of federal, state, local, and private sector resources in emergencies.

SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS REMAINING SHORTFALL

Previously proposed or newly proposed solutions are needed to address the remaining budget shortfall. They include:

- Fire Engines Purchased with Federal Funds—A one-time reduction of \$1.8 million to reflect the planned purchase of fire engines using federal funds in 2011-12.
- Golden Guardian and State Agency Training—An ongoing reduction, beginning in 2011-12, of \$779,000 related to the elimination of General Fund support for the annual Golden Guardian Exercise and state agency training. The Department will continue to conduct the Golden Guardian Exercise and will offer state agency training on a reimbursement basis.

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 (DOJ).

OTHER POLICY PROPOSALS AND MAJOR WORKLOAD ADJUSTMENTS

The May Revision includes the following significant policy proposal necessary to protect public safety:

- DNA Identification Fund Shortfall—The May Revision proposes to transfer \$10 million General Fund to the DNA Identification Fund, and restore \$4.1 million General Fund to the DOJ for lease revenue payments on regional forensic laboratories. Revenues to the DNA Identification Fund have not come in as projected; therefore, these changes are necessary in order to ensure the DNA and regional forensic laboratories are able to continue performing critical public safety work.