

TRIAL COURT FUNDING ACT OF 2024 (EXCERPT)
Act 47 of 2024

600.11112 Definitions.

Sec. 2.

As used in this act:

(a) "Court revenue" means all funds collected by trial courts except those paid in restitution to an identified victim of crime.

(b) "Department" means the department of treasury.

(c) "Funding unit" means either of the following:

(i) A local unit of government that funds a trial court.

(ii) If a trial court is funded by more than 1 local unit of government, those local units of government, collectively.

(d) "Local unit of government" means a political subdivision of this state, including, but not limited to, a county, city, village, or township of this state.

(e) "Maintenance of effort" means the average of the funding unit's general fund expenditures for trial court operations over the 3-year period immediately preceding the creation of the trial court fund described in section 6(a). Court-generated revenue that supports court operational expenditures during the same 3-year period must be accounted for separately. General fund expenditures must be calculated as total court expenditures less any and all court-generated revenue and does not include state and federal funds.

(f) "Operational cost" means the total costs needed to operate an individual trial court over the course of a fiscal year based on the workload and case volume of each court.

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