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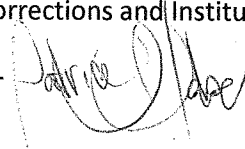
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TO: Rep. Alice Emmons, Chair, House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
Members of the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions

FROM: Patricia Gabel, State Court Administrator 

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RE: Proposed Language for Capital Budget Adjustment

The Judiciary would like to propose the following changes to Draft 4.1 of the Capital Budget Adjustment:

1. A new subsection (e) be added to Section 5 regarding the Judiciary as follows:

(e) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the appropriations provided in § 5(c) and (d) not delay the commencement of construction in FY 15 of the addition to the Lamoille County Courthouse.

2. Section 27 be amended as follows:

Sec. 27. COUNTY COURTHOUSES; PLAN

(a) Pursuant to the restructuring of the Judiciary in 2009 Acts and Resolves No. 154, the Judiciary shall evaluate the State's responsibility for maintaining county courthouses and whether an emergency fund is necessary for construction or renovation projects at county courthouses. The Judiciary may rely on the Department of Buildings and General Services to provide such technical and financial analysis or other consultation as the Judiciary may request during the Judiciary's evaluation and development of recommendations.

(b) On or before January 15, 2015, the Judiciary shall report to the House Committee on Corrections and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Institutions with the results of the evaluation.