

## Sec. G.201 JUSTICE SYSTEM INVESTMENTS

(a) \$16,400,000 in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from ARPA - Coronavirus State Fiscal Relief Funds as follows:

(1) \$9,000,000 to the Judiciary for pandemic recovery response and justice system reopening in fiscal years 2022 and 2023. It is the intent of the General Assembly that portions of the appropriation made to the Judiciary under this section be spent for:

(A) the use of six-person juries in civil cases as authorized by the Court in the exercise of its emergency powers during a state of emergency; and

(B) a reduction of the backlog in child support cases, particularly in Bennington, Chittenden, and Rutland and counties.

(C) to address evictions backlog resulting from the pandemic related moratorium

(2) \$3,300,000 to the Department of State's Attorneys for pandemic recovery response and justice system reopening in fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

(A) Department of the State's Attorneys: A two-year limitedservice classified position, a victims advocate coordinator position is authorized in the in fiscal year 2022.

(3) \$2,700,000 to the Office of the Defender General for pandemic recovery response and justice system reopening in fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

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(4) \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2022 to the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Services:

(A) \$200,000 shall be used for grants to the Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence for pandemic recovery response, and

(B) \$1,200,000 shall be used in manner consistent with the Victims Compensation Fund (21145).