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OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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To: Chairs, House and Senate Committees on Appropriations
Chairs, House and Senate Committees on Judiciary
Chairs, House and Senate Committees on Government Operations

From: Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee

Subject: Supporting Permanent Allocation to the Judiciary's Tech Fund

The Joint Information Technology Oversight Committee ("JITOC") received a letter dated June 26, 2024, from the Office of the State Court Administrator of the Supreme Court of Vermont.

That letter is attached to the end of this memorandum. In the letter, the Judiciary requested that JITOC consider recommending that the General Assembly permanently allocate General Funds to the Court Technology Special Fund ("Tech Fund") due to a decrease in revenues and increase in IT expenses. A detailed explanation of the change in revenue is included in the Judiciary's letter.

This Committee recommends that the committees of jurisdiction consider this request carefully and determine how to support the Judiciary's Tech Fund permanently. It is critically important that the Judiciary's IT systems be properly funded in order to minimize cybersecurity threats and maximize operation efficiency.