

SUBCHAPTER VI. REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Article 27.

Expenses of the Judicial Department.

§ 7A-300. Expenses paid from State funds.

(a) The operating expenses of the Judicial Department shall be paid from State funds, out of appropriations for this purpose made by the General Assembly, or from funds provided by local governments pursuant to G.S. 7A-300.1, 153A-212.1, or 160A-289.1. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall prepare budget estimates to cover the following expenses, including therein the following items and such other items as are deemed necessary for the proper functioning of the Judicial Department:

- (1) Salaries, departmental expense, printing and other costs of the appellate division.
- (2) Salaries and expenses of superior court judges, district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, public defenders, and assistant public defenders, and fees and expenses of counsel assigned to represent indigents under the provisions of Subchapter IX of this Chapter.
- (3) Salaries, travel expenses, departmental expense, printing and other costs of the Administrative Office of the Courts.
- (4) Salaries and travel expenses of district judges, magistrates, and family court counselors.
- (5) Salaries and travel expenses of clerks of superior court, their assistants, deputies, and other employees, and the expenses of their offices, including supplies and materials, postage, telephone and telegraph, bonds and insurance, equipment, and other necessary items.
- (6) Fees and travel expenses of jurors, and of witnesses required to be paid by the State.
- (7) Compensation and allowances of court reporters.
- (8) Briefs for counsel and transcripts and other records for adequate appellate review when an appeal is taken by an indigent person.
- (9) Transcripts of preliminary hearings in indigency cases and, in cases in which the defendant pays for a transcript of the preliminary hearing, a copy for the district attorney.
- (10) Transcript of the evidence and trial court charge furnished the district attorney when a criminal action is appealed to the appellate division.
- (11) All other expenses arising out of the operations of the Judicial Department which by law are made the responsibility of the State.
- (12) Operating expenses of the Judicial Standards Commission.

(b) Repealed by Session Laws 1971, c. 377, s. 32. (1965, c. 310, s. 1; 1967, c. 108, s. 9; c. 1049, s. 5; 1969, c. 1013, s. 2; 1971, c. 377, ss. 18, 21; 1973, c. 47, s. 2; c. 503, ss. 10, 11; 2000-67, s. 15.4(c); 2010-31, s. 29.7(a); 2022-47, s. 21(b); 2022-74, s. 16.3(b).)