

Proposed statutory language in response to Senate Institutions Committee request regarding State Capital funding of county courthouse projects:

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1. Any county requesting State Capital funds on behalf of its courthouse and court operations held there must submit a request to the State Court Administrator no later than October 1 for the upcoming Legislative Session.
2. The State Court Administrator shall evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:
 - a. Is the funding request related to an emergency that will affect the court operations and the administration of justice?
 - b. Is there a State-owned courthouse in the county that could absorb court activities, in lieu of this capital investment?
 - c. Has the county consistently invested in major maintenance in the courthouse?
 - d. Is the request related to a State-mandated function, e.g., court security?
 - e. Will the request divert resources of other current Judiciary capital priorities?
 - f. Is the request consistent with the long-term capital needs of the Judiciary, including providing court services adapted to modern needs and requirements?
 - g. Other criteria as deemed appropriate by State Court Administrator
3. Based on the application of these criteria, the State Court Administrator shall make a recommendation regarding the county's request as part of the Judiciary's request for capital funding to the Commissioner of Buildings and General Services for inclusion in the Governor's recommendation.
4. The State Court Administrator shall also advise the Senate and House Institutions' Committees regarding all county requests and the State Court Administrator's recommendation based on these criteria.