Judicial Information System Committee Meeting June 28, 2024

<u>DECISION POINT</u> – Authorize Information Technology Governance (ITG) Request #1373-Replace Juvenile and Corrections System (JCS)

MOTION:

I move that ITG Request #1373 be authorized.

I. BACKGROUND

This ITG request was created in February 2024 to replace the Juvenile and Corrections System (JCS), which is an aging system that lacks adequate reporting capabilities and relies on Superior Court applications for person record creation and maintenance capabilities. As a result, some Juvenile Courts have implemented their own case management systems and many have separate local systems in use for managing the detention and probation components. Using multiple systems with integrations across counties and courts creates a statewide complex technical environment that leads to increased costs to maintain, support and modernize.

With the understanding that the legislature will have to provide funding, this request now needs to be authorized by JISC.

II. DISCUSSION

The Juvenile Courts need an all-in-one, automated, and modern solution that supports the management of youths, referrals, detentions, supervision and assessments. This solution needs to be a tool that functions to drive and control the flow of work in accordance with important deadlines associated with youth management, referrals, detentions, supervision and assessment. It should not be simply a data repository, but rather a tool that allows for documents to be added to the referral/case to provide streamlined and easy access to these documents, and a robust reporting feature that duplicates the reports currently available. In addition, users of this new solution should be able to run reports at any time. This solution also needs to be secure to prevent unauthorized access to data and documents associated with the youths. The new solution should have the ability to ingest historical data from the current systems used by the juvenile courts.

The implementation of a replacement for the Juvenile and Corrections System (JCS) will standardize the case management functions of all juvenile courts that choose to utilize this application and will allow for a streamlined and more efficient process for AOC to maintain, support, and update this system for juvenile courts. The functions that will be enhanced by this solution will pertain to the case management of youths, referrals, detentions, supervision, and assessments of juveniles.

This effort would start with an in-depth analysis before any procurement or development project.

III. OUTCOME IF NOT PASSED –

Juvenile courts will continue to use a dated Juvenile and Corrections System, which relies on a patchwork of disparate local solutions to maintain its functions.