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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 22, 2009

TO: Judges, Court Administrators, Registers, and Clerks

FROM: Jill Booth, District Court Management Analyst

RE: Minimum State Cost Increase

Several public acts recently signed into law increase minimum state costs. For dispositions occurring on and after April 1, 2009, the minimum state costs assessed in adult and juvenile criminal cases will increase by \$8. The minimum state cost is assessed per count whenever the court orders any combination of fines, costs, and other assessments. This could be at the time of deferral or delay as well as at sentencing.

Both the Code of Criminal Procedure (MCL 769.1a) and the Probate Code (MCL 712A.18m) were amended. The minimum state cost for felonies will be \$68, for serious and specified misdemeanors, \$53, and for other misdemeanor offenses, \$48. The [Crime Victim Assessment and Minimum State Costs Chart](#) will be revised on April 1, 2009, when these increases take effect.

OFFENSE	CURRENT MINIMUM STATE COST	MINIMUM STATE COST WITH \$8 INCREASE Effective 4/1/2009
Felonies	\$60.00	\$68.00
Serious and Specified Misdemeanors	\$45.00	\$53.00
Other Misdemeanors	\$40.00	\$48.00

Even though these increases do not go into effect until April 1, 2009, you should begin to work with your case management software vendors now so that you have adequate time to program the changes into your case management systems.

The Crime Victim Assessment and Justice System Assessments have not changed.

The acts also establish a Sexual Assault Victims' Medical Forensic Intervention and Treatment

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Fund and Children's Advocacy Center Fund. The Justice System Fund allocation formula has been revised to distribute a percentage to these new funds. However, based on fiscal estimates, the current recipients of resources allocated from the Justice System Fund will not be negatively impacted.

Summaries of the new public acts follow:

[2008 PA 543](#) amends MCL 712A.18m and increases the state minimum cost in juvenile criminal cases;

[2008 PA 544](#) creates the Children's Advocacy Center Act and establishes the Children's Advocacy Center Fund;

[2008 PA 545](#) amends MCL 600.181 and provides for allocation of money from the Justice System Fund to the Sexual Assault Victims' Medical Forensic Intervention and Treatment Fund and the Children's Advocacy Center Fund;

[2008 PA 546](#) creates the Sexual Assault Victims' Medical Forensic Intervention and Treatment Act and establishes the Sexual Assault Victims' Medical Forensic Intervention and Treatment Fund; and

[2008 PA547](#) amends MCL 769.1j and increases the state minimum cost in adult criminal cases.

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