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JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET REQUEST RELEASED

The Judicial Department released its budget requests for the 2007 biennium. Funding highlights of the \$102 million expansion request are as follows:

- \$14 million for new Prosecutors and support staff
- \$40 million to implement Compensation Study Directives
- \$3.5 million for District Court Judges and support staff
- \$14 million for Technology Initiatives
- \$4.5 million expansion for critical programs
- 34 new Magistrate positions
- 312 new Deputy Clerk positions

To view the Judicial Department requests, [click here](#).

DEVELOPING ISSUES IN THE NCGA

Stay up-to-date with developing news from the General Assembly.

Death Penalty Debate Heats Up

The State and the NC Medical Board have yet to reach an agreement in the debate on the role that doctors should play in executions, meaning lawmakers could soon step in to resolve the issue. [Click here](#) to read the latest story about this developing issue.

Protect Judges Safety

Senate Bill 184, introduced by Senator Dalton, would allow justices and judges to use a business address on the Statement of Economic Interest required to be filed with the State Ethics Commission by the new State Ethics Law. The addresses of spouses and the names and addresses of minor children would also be omitted. [Click here](#) to view the full text of the bill.

ACTION ITEMS

Several sections and committees of the NCBA have already asked the Office of Governmental Affairs to take action regarding legislation that is not Bar Association sponsored legislation. The Section's recommendations will be presented to the Executive Committee at their March meeting and then to the Board of Governors in April. Once approved, these requests will become part of the NCBA's Legislative Agenda. Please [click here](#) for a full listing of these requests.

BILL TRACKING

The Office of Governmental Affairs will be reviewing, on a continuing basis, all legislation that is introduced during the 2007 Session and will be referring such legislation to the appropriate sections and committee of the NCBA for further review. Please click the link below to view the legislation currently being tracked by the OGA.

[Bill Tracking Chart](#)

GAVEL TO GAVEL

Provided by the National Center for State Courts, *Gavel to Gavel* is a national overview of trends in legislative activity as it relates to the courts. Please click the link below to access the latest edition.

[Gavel to Gavel](#)

INSIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Please [click here](#) for a link to the House and Senate calendars, which are updated daily with committee meeting notices and agendas.