



# Municipal Court

## FY2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

City Council Budget Worksession  
August 23, 2023

Presented by: Carla Obledo, Presiding Judge & Frederick P. Garcia, Jr., Court Clerk

# *Award Winning* San Antonio Municipal Court

The mission of the San Antonio Municipal Court is to administer justice fairly, impartially, and efficiently. The court is committed to providing a transparent and trustworthy forum where individuals can be heard and considered with dignity and respect.

**Municipal  
Court Judge**

**Municipal  
Court Clerk**

**Judiciary**

**Magistrate**

**Court  
Operations**

**Juvenile  
Program**



# Municipal Court Overview



- Jurisdiction of fine-only, Class C misdemeanors, and civil code and parking offenses

- Limited civil jurisdiction of bond forfeitures, cruelly treated animal hearings and dangerous dog hearings

- Provides Magistration services for Class B and above offenses and magistration of Class C misdemeanor offenses

# FY 2024 Proposed Budget Municipal Court

Fund (\$ in Millions)	FY 2023 Adopted	FY 2023 Revised	FY 2024 Proposed	% over FY 2023 Adopted
General Fund	\$12.5	\$12.5	\$13.4	7.7%
Restricted Funds	2.2	2.2	2.4	6.4%
Grants	0.3	0.3	0.3	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15.0</b>	<b>\$15.0</b>	<b>\$16.1</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

Positions	FY 2023	FY 2024 Proposed	Change
Municipal Court	148	141	(7)

# Access to Justice Services

Service	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY2022	FY2023*
<b>Emails</b>	30,995	54,797	53,388	33,865
<b>Phone Calls</b>	63,221	53,102	50,413	55,774
<b>Chats</b>	2,296	2,449	4,286	2,887
<b>Text Message Services</b>	-	-	-	11,531
<b>Attorney Services</b>	8,131	7,885	10,596	10,151
<b>Online Services</b>	52,450	54,100	63,878	84,938
<b>Mail Services</b>	2,881	3,046	3,353	6,078
<b>Onsite Services</b>	127,636	46,898	87,654	129,630

\*FY23 data is from 10/01/22 – FY 2023 year end estimate

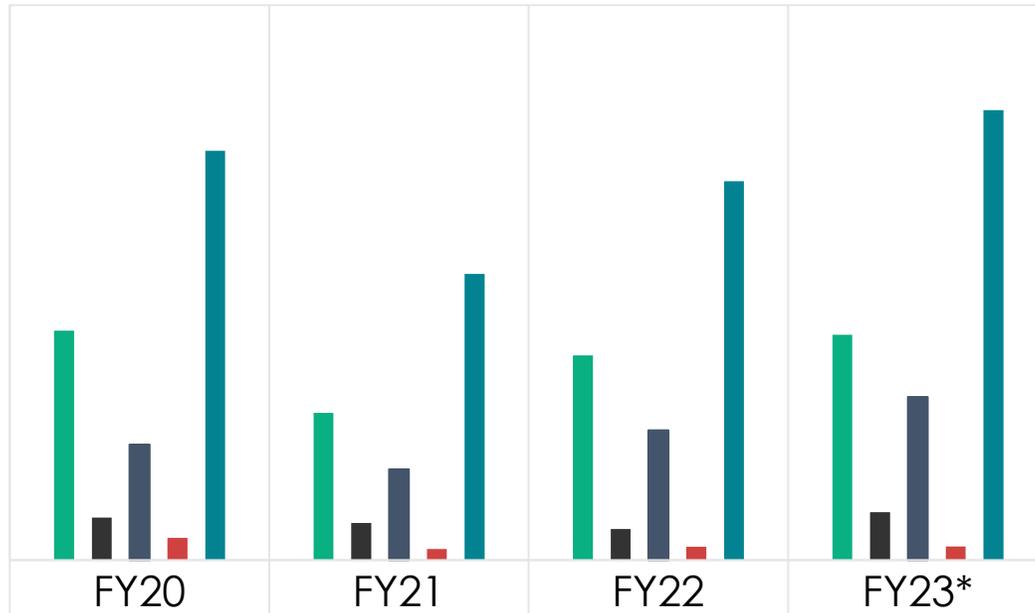
# Measuring Justice & Fairness

	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23*
<b>Trials</b>	-	21	22	35
<b>Cost Per Case</b>	\$75	\$90	\$69	\$70
<b>Criminal Case Clearance Rate</b>	87%	85%	107%	100%
<b>Civil Case Clearance Rate</b>	66%	114%	81%	80%
<b>Warrant Clearance Rate</b>	37%	28%	188%	159%

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# Municipal Court Case Filings

## Criminal And Civil Case Filings FY20-FY23\*



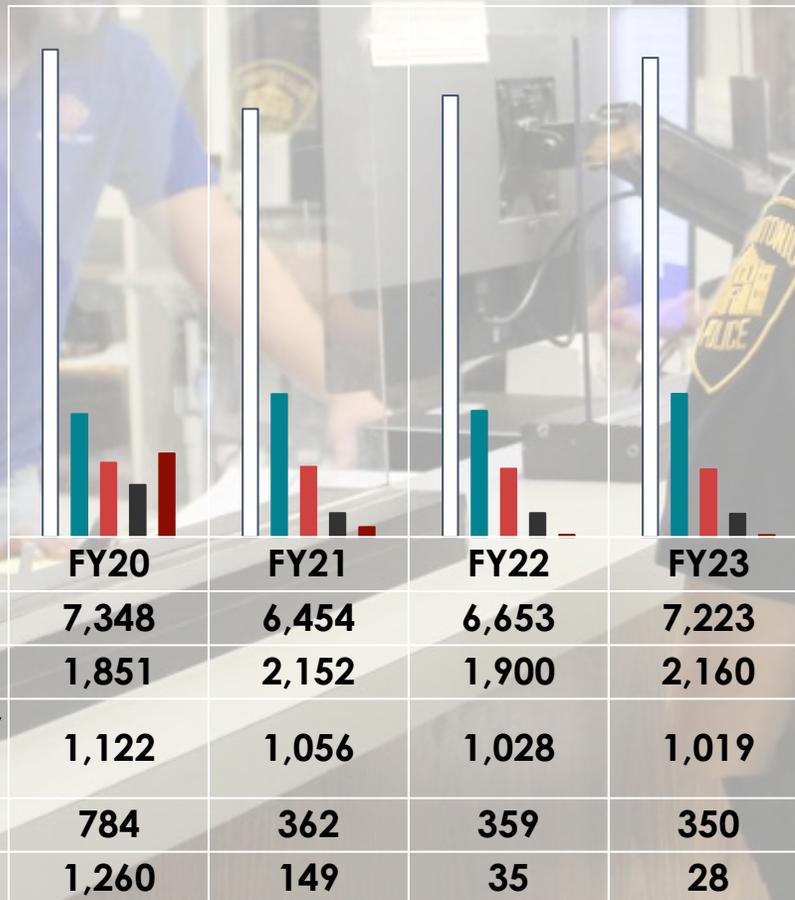
Traffic	103,330	66,381	92,247	101,480
Non Traffic	19,188	16,681	14,016	21,532
Parking	52,017	40,806	58,444	73,460
Civil	9,931	5,043	5,970	6,156
Total Filings	184,466	128,911	170,677	202,628



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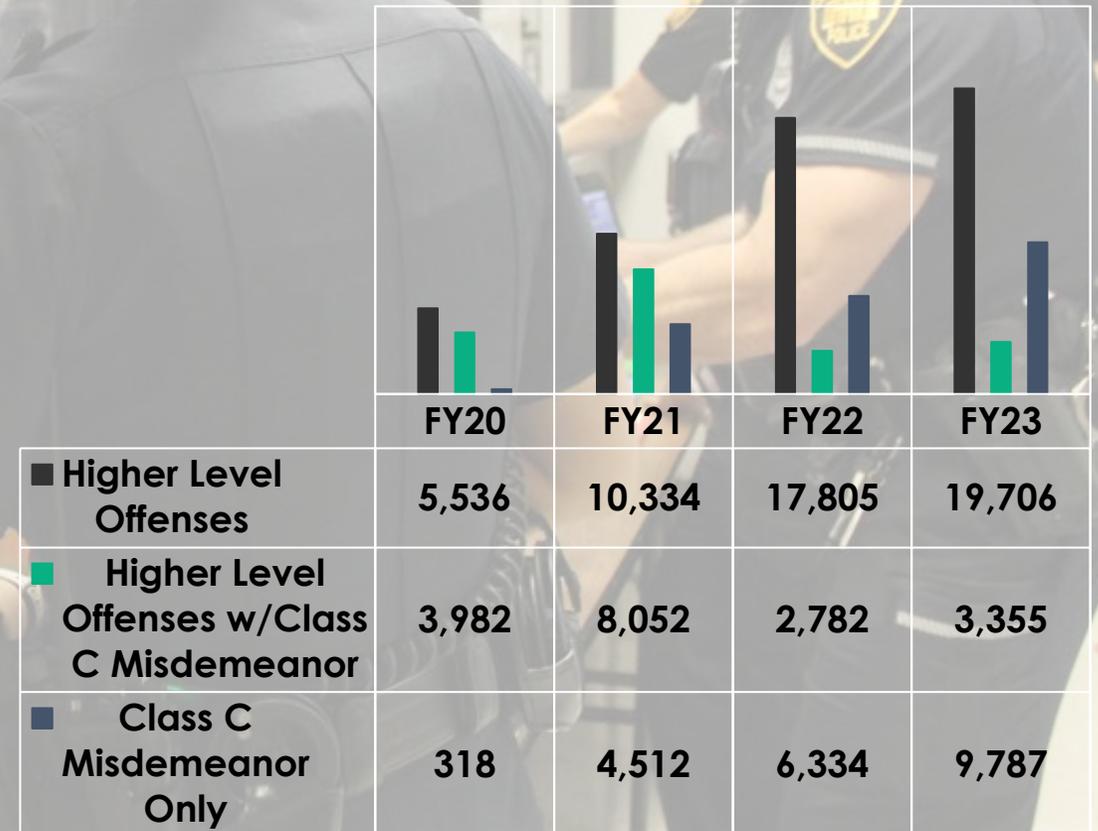
# Magistrations Services

## WRIT ISSUED BY TYPE\*



- Mental Health Order
- Blood Draw Warrant
- Order for Emergency Protection
- Search Warrant
- Arrest Warrant

## COMMITMENT HEARINGS & MAGISTRATION BY CASE TYPE\*



- Higher Level Offenses
- Higher Level Offenses w/Class C Misdemeanor
- Class C Misdemeanor Only

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# Family Violence Court

- Specialized docket with jurisdiction over Class C, fine-only assault cases
- Primary goal: reduce recidivism, enhance public safety, and improve outcomes for offenders and victims

## Counseling

- Enliven Counseling Services
- Catholic Charities Haven for Hope

## Education Programs

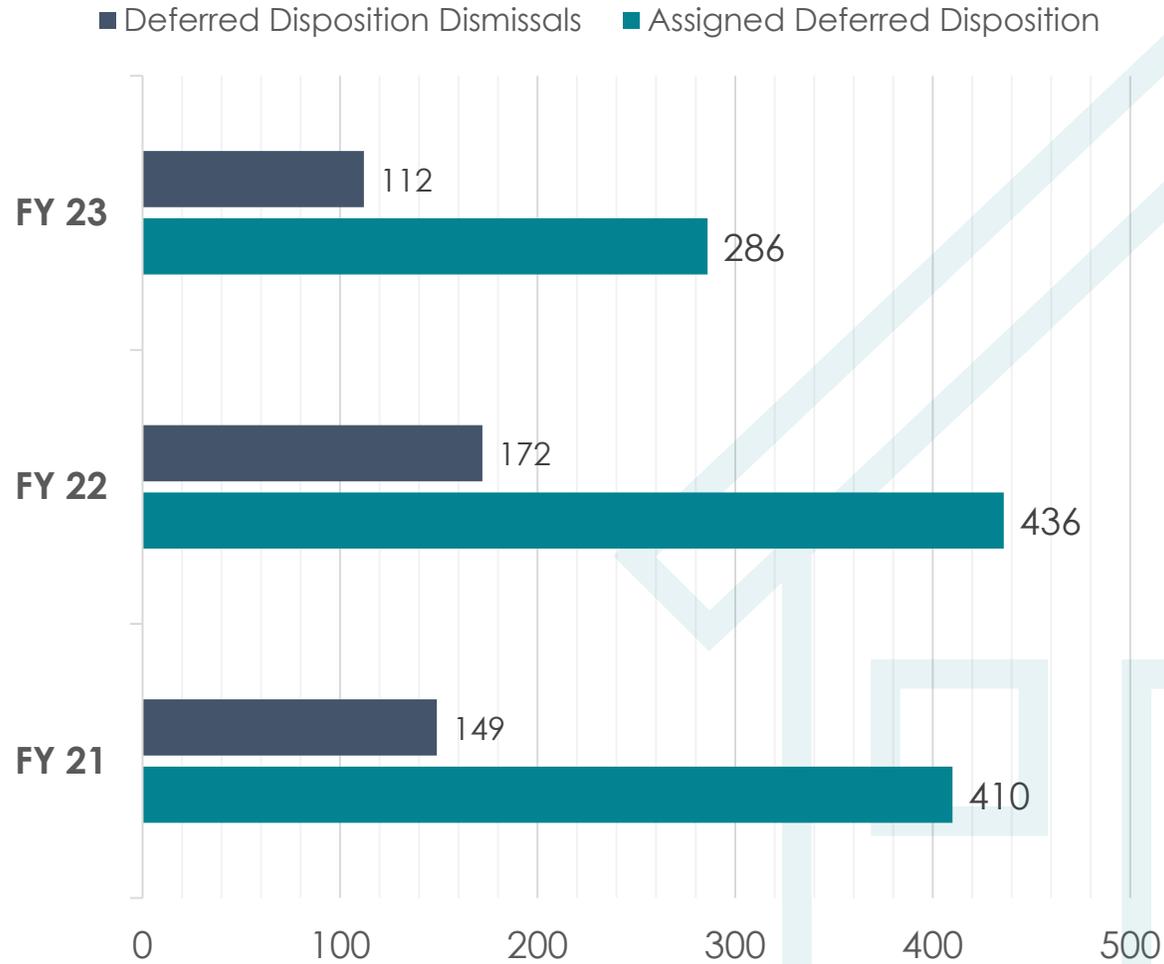
- Anger Management Classes
- Alcohol and Drug Awareness
- Center for Health Care Services

## Treatment Services

- United Counseling Center
- Violence Intervention Program

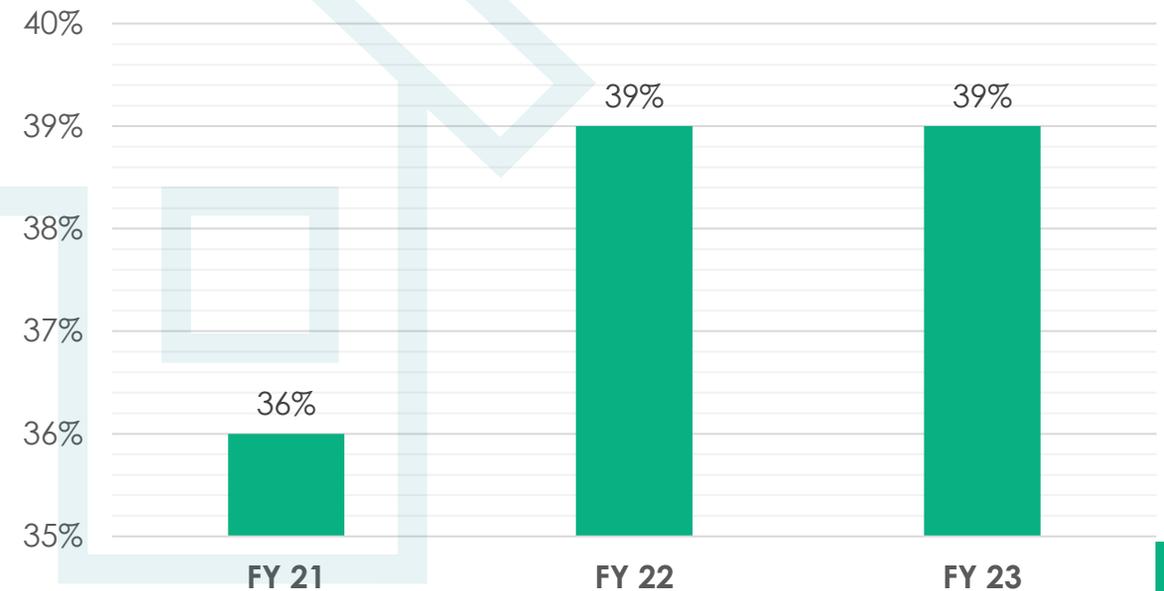
# Family Violence Court Measures

## Disposition of Cases\*



Case Filings	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23*
Assault by Threat (Family)	30	20	19	97
Assault (physical contact)-Family	858	1,173	931	1,330
<b>Total Filings</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1,427</b>

## Completion Rate\*



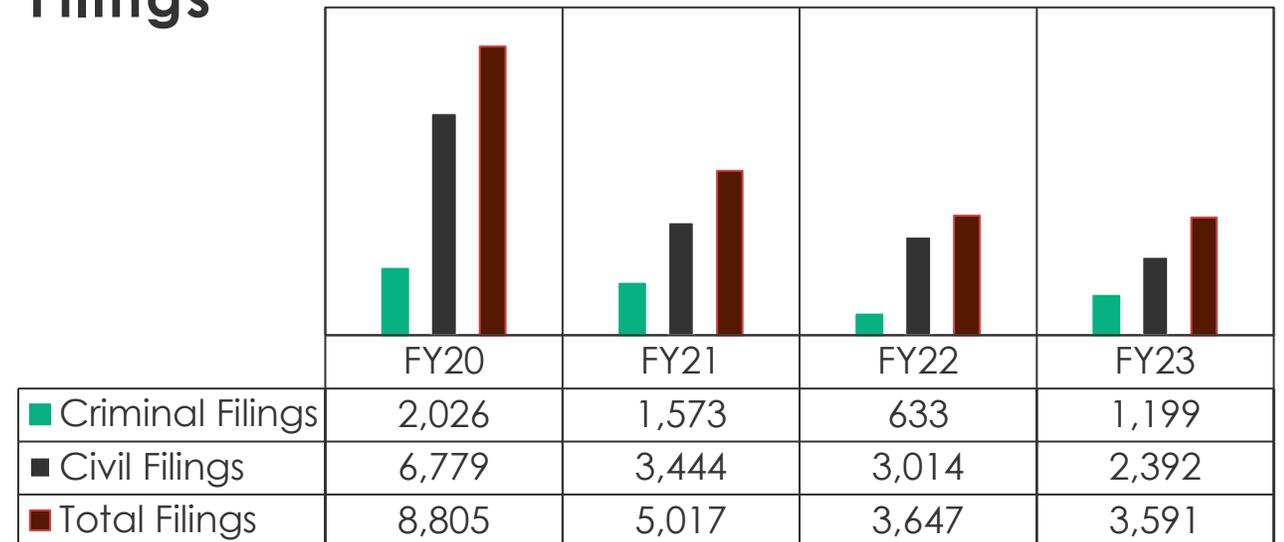
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# Justice, Fairness, & a Safer Community: Animal Docket

- Animal Court presides over offenses that affect the safety and general well-being of the San Antonio community
- Animal Court goal: Safe and livable city through responsible pet ownership



## ACS Filings



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# Animal Docket

Types of Hearings	FY23* Outcomes
# Dangerous Dog – Failure to comply w/dangerous dog owner requirements	50
Cruelty Hearings	16
Aggressive Dog Appeals	4
Serious Bodily Injury Hearings	12

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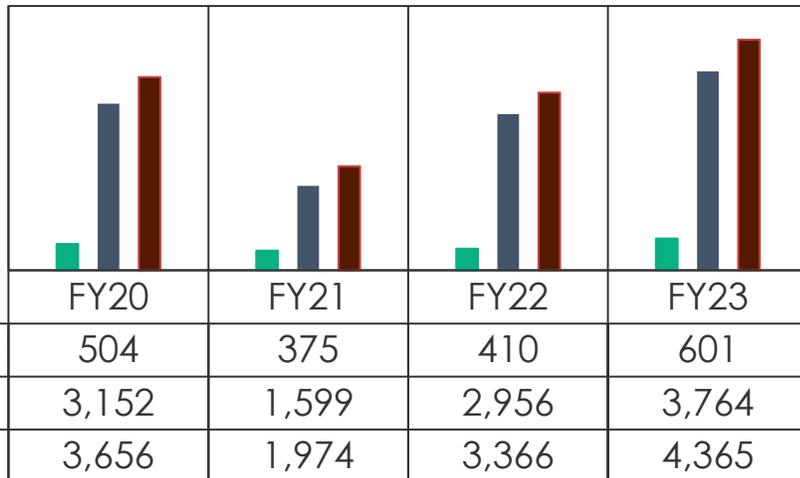
Civil Case Outcomes	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23**
Found liable – paid	2,189	859	846	546
Found liable – fine still owed	4,177	2,339	1,883	956
Found not liable	16	28	22	13
Case Dismissed	391	218	263	205
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,773</b>	<b>3,444</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>1,720</b>

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# Justice, Fairness, & a Safer Community: Code Docket

- Code Compliance Court presides over offenses that affect health and general well-being of community
- Code Court goal: Clean and livable city through responsible property maintenance

## CODE FILINGS



# Code Docket



Civil Case Outcomes	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23*
Found liable – paid	1,258	521	1,021	957
Found liable – fine still owed	1,499	920	1,577	1,237
Found not liable	78	124	36	29
Case Dismissed	313	34	318	330
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,148</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>2,553</b>

\*FY23 data is through 07/31/2023

# Juvenile Services



## Purpose

Prevent behaviors in juveniles that would increase involvement in justice system

Deter juvenile crime at local level

# Juvenile Services

## Service Delivery Platforms

### Courtroom Services

- Juvenile traffic and non-traffic citations
- Court ordered community service or counseling

### Teen Court

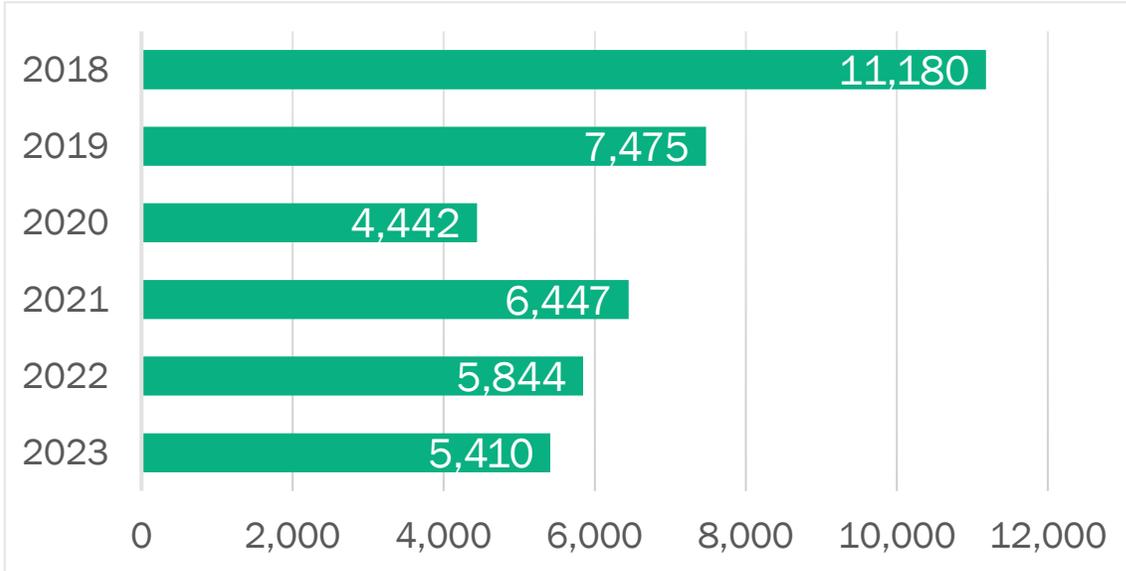
- Juvenile Case Managers collaborate with St. Mary's University School of Law
- Judge refers non-traffic offenses for resolution
- Juveniles preside over, adjudicate, and administer sentencing of their peers' cases

### Truancy Services

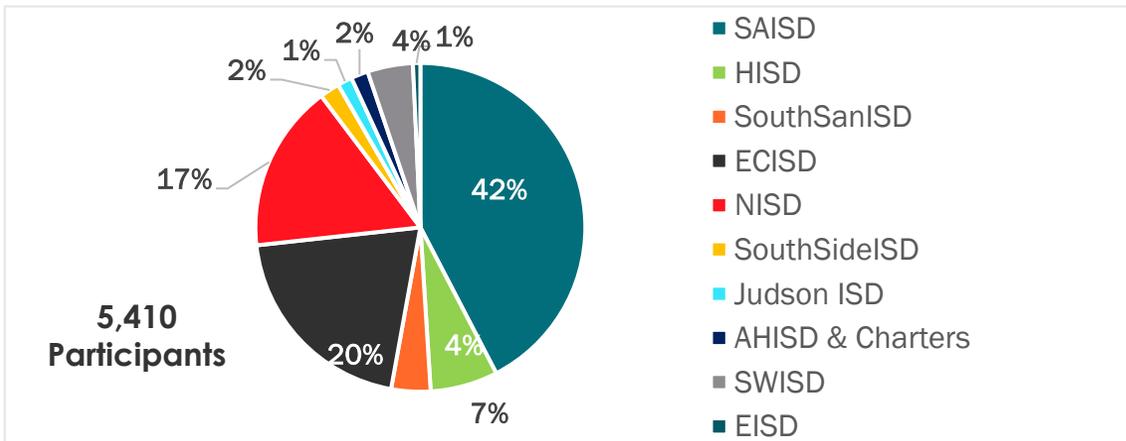
- Juvenile Case Managers (JCMs) work with school district and charter school administrators
- JCMs assist schools with the administration of truancy intervention methods

# Juvenile Services Measures

## Youth Served Per Academic Year



## Service Population – Academic Year 22-23



## Truancy Intervention & Prevention Services



# Capital Outlay: Procedural Fairness

Adds \$219,000  
7 courtroom renovations

- ✓ Revitalization of courtrooms
- ✓ Furniture and fixtures over 25 years old
- ✓ Promotes forum of dignity and respect



# Capital Outlay: Procedural Fairness

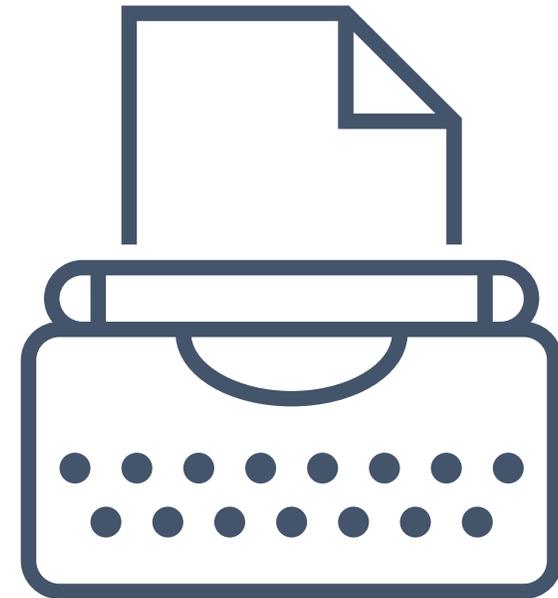
## Adds \$45,000 Electronic Court Reporting



H.B. 4714 amends current law for a recording device to report proceedings in court of record



Facilitates the court's ability to hold trials on the first date they are scheduled to be heard

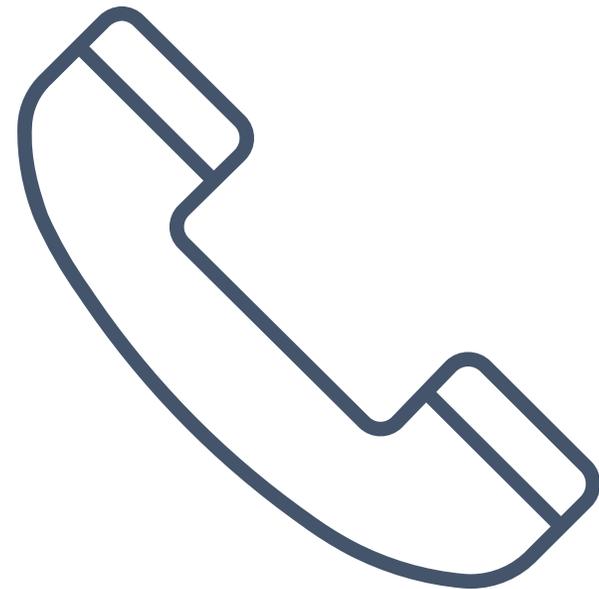


# Capital Outlay: Procedural Fairness

Adds \$9,100

## Certified Court Interpreter - Magistration

- ☑ Code of Criminal Procedure requires qualified telephone interpreter
- ☑ Government code requires courts to utilize an interpreter with a master designation



# Court and the Community in FY2024

## FY22 Outreach & Education

Townhalls – 2

Career Day – 4

Safe Driving Events – 2

Monthly Campaign – 3

## FY23 Outreach & Education

Townhalls – 3

Career Day – 10

Safe Driving Events – 2

Monthly Campaign – 8

## FY24 Outreach & Education (expected)

Townhalls – 4

Career Day – 12

Safe Driving Events – 2

Monthly Campaign – 8+



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