Budget Act of 2026

Item 0250-101-0932, Schedule (4), and Provisions 17 through 19
Assembly Bill 109 (Chapter 19, Statutes of 2026), as amended by Senate Bill 111 (Chapter 21, Statutes of 2026)

0250-101-0932—For local assistance, Judicial Branch, payable from the Trial Court Trust Fund 3,569,271,000

Schedule (excerpt)

(4)	0150037-Court Interpreters	155,473,000

Provisions (excerpt)

17. The funds appropriated in Schedule (4) shall be for payments to contractual court interpreters and certified and registered court interpreters employed by the courts for services provided during court proceedings and other services related to pending court proceedings, including services provided outside a courtroom, and for court interpreter coordinator positions. For the purposes of this provision, “court interpreter coordinators” may be full- or part-time court employees.

18. The Judicial Council shall set statewide or regional rates and policies for payment of court interpreters, not to exceed the rate paid to certified interpreters in the federal court system.

19. The Judicial Council shall adopt appropriate rules and procedures for the administration of these funds. The Judicial Council shall report to the Legislature and the Department of Finance annually regarding expenditure of the funds appropriated in Schedule (4). For the 2026–27 and 2027–28 fiscal years, the Judicial Council shall provide additional information to the Legislature and Department of Finance. Specifically, this additional information shall include, but not be limited to, interpreter utilization information, unmet need information, cost-containment measures, recruitment strategies, interpreter staffing and compensation costs, and contractor costs, as determined by the Judicial Council. The trial courts shall provide the additional information necessary to complete this report in a manner prescribed by the Judicial Council.

Official source: Budget Act of 2026 (Assembly Bill 109, Chapter 19, Statutes of 2026), Item 0250-101-0932, as amended by Senate Bill 111 (Chapter 21, Statutes of 2026). Chaptered text of Senate Bill 111: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB111. Chaptered text of Assembly Bill 109: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260AB109. The wording of Provision 18 is the same in both enactments. Other schedule lines and provisions of this item are omitted.