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AN ACT to amend and reenact §51-2A-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to the compensation of secretary-clerks and case coordinators to family court judges.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §51-2A-6 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 2A. FAMILY COURTS.**

**§51-2A-6. Compensation and expenses of family court judges and their staffs.**

1 (a) A family court judge is entitled to receive as compensa-  
2 tion for his or her services an annual salary of sixty-two

3 thousand five hundred dollars: *Provided*, That beginning the  
4 first day of July, two thousand five, a family court judge is  
5 entitled to receive as compensation for his or her services an  
6 annual salary of eighty-two thousand five hundred dollars.

7 (b) The secretary-clerk of the family court judge is ap-  
8 pointed by the family court judge and serves at his or her will  
9 and pleasure. The secretary-clerk of the family court judge is  
10 entitled to receive an annual salary of twenty-seven thousand  
11 thirty-six dollars: *Provided*, That on and after the first day of  
12 July, two thousand six, the annual salary of the secretary-clerk  
13 shall be established by the administrative director of the  
14 Supreme Court of Appeals, but may not exceed thirty-five  
15 thousand dollars. In addition, any person employed as a  
16 secretary-clerk to a family court judge on the effective date of  
17 the enactment of this section during the sixth extraordinary  
18 session of the Legislature in the year two thousand one who is  
19 receiving an additional five hundred dollars per year up to ten  
20 years of a certain period of prior employment under the  
21 provisions of the prior enactment of section eight of this article  
22 during the second extraordinary session of the Legislature in the  
23 year one thousand nine hundred ninety-nine shall continue to  
24 receive such additional amount. Further, the secretary-clerk will  
25 receive such percentage or proportional salary increases as may  
26 be provided by general law for other public employees and is  
27 entitled to receive the annual incremental salary increase as  
28 provided in article five, chapter five of this code.

29 (c) The family court judge may employ not more than one  
30 family case coordinator who serves at his or her will and  
31 pleasure. The annual salary of the family case coordinator of  
32 the family court judge shall be established by the Administra-  
33 tive Director of the Supreme Court of Appeals but may not  
34 exceed thirty-six thousand sixty dollars: *Provided*, That on and  
35 after the first day of July, two thousand six, the annual salary of  
36 the family case coordinator of the family court judge may not

37 exceed forty-six thousand sixty dollars. The family case  
38 coordinator will receive such percentage or proportional salary  
39 increases as may be provided by general law for other public  
40 employees and is entitled to receive the annual incremental  
41 salary increase as provided in article five, chapter five of this  
42 code.

43 (d) The sheriff or his or her designated deputy shall serve  
44 as a bailiff for a family court judge. The sheriff of each county  
45 shall serve or designate persons to serve so as to assure that a  
46 bailiff is available when a family court judge determines the  
47 same is necessary for the orderly and efficient conduct of the  
48 business of the family court.

49 (e) Disbursement of salaries for family court judges and  
50 members of their staffs are made by or pursuant to the order of  
51 the Director of the Administrative Office of the Supreme Court  
52 of Appeals.

53 (f) Family court judges and members of their staffs are  
54 allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
55 performance of their duties. The expenses and compensation  
56 will be determined and paid by the Director of the Administra-  
57 tive Office of the Supreme Court of Appeals under such  
58 guidelines as he or she may prescribe, as approved by the  
59 Supreme Court of Appeals.

60 (g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, family  
61 court judges are not eligible to participate in the retirement  
62 system for judges under the provisions of article nine of this  
63 chapter.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

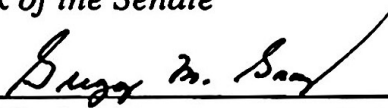
  
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The within is appended this the 31<sup>st</sup>  
day of March, 2006.

  
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