

3. GOAL

**IMPROVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC
INFORMATION**

A. Filing Fees

- **Initiate Legislation to increase filing fees to offset increased cost of services. (2 yr)**
 - **Recommend State increase filing fees to \$300 which would enhance the state revenue approximately \$440,000 for Court of Appeals filings.**

Type of Funds – Enhancement to State General Fund

Key Partners – Legislature

Objective – COA filing fees relative to other states & cost of service

State Strategic Link/Anticipated Impact -

Employ an Enterprise Approach and Best Practices in Georgia's Financial Management.

*Draft
a Bill
to reg.
Give*

B. Enhance Pro Se Litigant Information

- **Develop informative video on procedure to file an appeal (3 yr)**

Costs: Startup – \$30,000

Type of Funds – State Funds-Enhancement (one-time funds)

Key Partners – Legislature/COA-IT Staff, Clerk of Court

Objective – Better information available to pro se litigants regarding how to appeal a case

State Strategic Link/Anticipated Impact -

Deliver State Services Faster, Friendlier & Easier

*Partner w
Supr. Ct
Grant?*

C. More Efficient Oral Argument

- **Develop Oral Argument video to view via web or in Clerk's Office (3 yr)**

Costs: Startup – \$4,000

Type of Funds – State Funds-Enhancement (one-time funds)

Key Partners – Legislature/COA-IT Staff, Clerk of Court

Objective – Better information available to public, attorneys and parties

State Strategic Link/Anticipated Impact -

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D. Enhance Public Information via Court Web Portal

- **Appeals Orders accessible through Court Website (4 yr)**
- **Trial Court Records accessible through Court Website (LT)**

Costs: Startup – Unknown

Type of Funds – State Funds-Enhancement (one-time & ongoing)

Key Partners – Legislature/COA-Clerk of Court, IT Staff

Objective – Better information available to public attorneys and parties.

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D. Enhance Public Information via Court Web Portal

- **Synopses of Pre-Oral Argument Facts & Issues available to Public.**
- **Synopses of Court's Resolution of Opinion on non-confidential cases available to Public via web.**

Costs: Startup – \$7,400 equip, \$138,118 salary & benefits

Type of Funds – State Funds-Enhancement (one-time & ongoing funds)

Staffing Impact – One position-Public Information Officer

Space Impact – Utilization of Vacant Office

Key Partners – Legislature/COA-Clerk of Court, IT Staff

Objective – Better information available to public attorneys and parties.

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E. Court TV

- **Court Room schedule & video feed available via monitors in Clerk's Office utilizing remote earphones. (LT)**
- **Court Room schedule available via monitor posted in lobby area of 6th floor. (LT)**

Costs: Startup - Unknown

Type of Funds – State Funds-Enhancement (one-time funds)

Key Partners – Legislature/COA-IT Staff, Clerk of Court

Objective – Better access to Court Room proceedings & schedule

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