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Court Employees Face Furloughs

(AP)--A new report says Kansas court employees could face unpaid furloughs as the judicial branch tries to handle an \$8.25 million budget shortfall.

A committee appointed by the Kansas Supreme Court in October to look for ways to deal with the shortfall forwarded its recommendations to Chief Justice Lawton Nuss on Dec. 13.

The committee says furloughs would cut \$2.5 million from the deficit, and much of the remainder would come from delayed judicial appointments, reduced training hours, eliminating about 20 court service officer positions and leaving more than 100 court positions unfilled in fiscal year 2015.

The Wichita Eagle reports the committee also recommended reducing by \$250,000 a grant to Kansas Legal Services, where employees could be forced to take nine furlough days.

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