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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/25/13

SPONSOR Morales LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Juvenile & Adult Restorative Justice Program SB 200

ANALYST Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$270.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 200 appropriates \$270 thousand from the general fund to the 6th Judicial District Court for the purpose of providing funding to the restorative justice program in that district.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$270 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY14 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The 6th judicial district has received general funding since 2005 for juvenile and adult restorative justice services in the three counties in its jurisdiction. The 6th currently has \$245.8 thousand in its base budget for this purpose and distributes \$100 thousand to Luna County, \$100 thousand to Grant County, and \$45 thousand to Hidalgo County annually; the counties use that money to fund mediation, community conferencing, and justice circles for adult and juvenile offenders.

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The judiciary's unified budget does not include a request from the 6th Judicial District for additional funding for the juvenile and adult restorative justice services it already funds, nor is the 6th aware of the need for additional funds for such services in its jurisdiction.

The 6th Judicial District was unaware of this bill and did not participate in its construction.

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