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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/17/07

SPONSOR Gardner LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1281

SHORT TITLE 9th Judicial District Anti-Graffiti Program SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non- Rec	Fund Affected
Total	NA	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	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

House Bill 1281 appropriates from the general fund to the administrative office of the courts \$75,000 for expenditure in FY08 for a “together against graffiti” program in the ninth judicial district. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

It is unclear from the bill what entity will benefit from the funds in the ninth judicial district -- the district court or the district attorney's office.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Chief Judges Council agreed to support a unified judicial budget request for specific prioritized needs for the judiciary. The request in HB 1281 is not part of the unified budget request.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The courts are participating in performance-based budgeting. It is unknown if enactment of this bill would impact performance measures as they relate to judicial budgeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The AOC is given the responsibility to spend these funds for a graffiti program in the ninth judicial district. However, the bill provides no resources or staff to carry out those responsibilities (development, program monitoring, and evaluation).

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Delete the words "together against" on line 18 so the bill reads better.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Clarify in the bill what entity should benefit from the funds in the ninth judicial district – the ninth judicial district court or the ninth judicial district attorney's office.

ALTERNATIVES

Delete the words "together against" on line 18.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo

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