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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/07

SPONSOR Rainaldi LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE 11th District Pretrial Services Program SB 421

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
\$0.0	\$197.8	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 421 appropriates \$197,800 from the general fund to the eleventh judicial district court for three full-time employees and operating expenses for a pre-trial services program. Any unexpended or encumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

All the funds are recurring.

This bill will increase the 11th Judicial District's Budget by 3 percent.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Pre-Trial Services balances releasing offenders after arrest against potential danger to the community and possible failure to appear. This program works closely with the court, and reduces bed days for arrested pre-trial felons.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The courts are participating in performance based budgeting. This bill may have an impact on the measures of the courts in the following areas:

- Cases disposed as a percent of cases filed
- Percent change in case filings by case type

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Pre-Trial Services has been operation in San Juan County since 1998, and has been funded by the county. Due to budget constraints, future funding of this program by San Juan County is at risk. This bill would transfer the program from county to state funding.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Would similar results be accomplished with a smaller general fund appropriation?

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