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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sny	ORIGINAL DATE 2/2 LAST UPDATED	22/07 HB _				
SHORT TITLE	Study Requirement of Facilities for DA's	SB _	SM 32			
		ANALYST	Wilson			
APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)						

Appropr	iation	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 491

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 32 requests the AOC, the Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA) and the Association of Counties to continue discussions on who pays for what for court and district attorney facilities. In particular, the memorial requests that the issue of paying for security personnel and whether as part of long-term recommendations, the state should take over more of the costs of these facilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Although the statute requires the counties to be responsible for the space of the district courts and attorneys statewide, there is confusion between the state and the counties on the respective financial responsibilities of each.

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SJM 22, a memorial passed in the 2005 Regular Session, required representatives of the AOC, the AODA and the Association of Counties to meet and develop a definition of court facilities.

At the Courts, Corrections, and Justice Committee on October 25, 2005, a report on Senate Joint Memorial 22 was presented to the interim committee. This year, SB 491 was introduced based on those recommendations. SB 491 addresses many of the payment responsibilities but leaves open the issue of who pays for security personnel. This memorial requires the parties to continue the discussions and make recommendations on this issue and other long-term issues.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The existing staffs of the AOC, the AODA and the Association of Counties can handle the requirements of this memorial as part of their ongoing responsibilities.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The memorial is a companion bill to SB 491. SB 491 clarifies what the counties pay for and what the state pays for when building court and district attorneys' facilities.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

There should not be an apostrophe in the short title.

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