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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Trujillo-Knauer	DATE TYPED:	01/28/00	HB	227
SHORT TITLE:	Enhance District Attorney Automation Network			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pickering

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 160.0			Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

HB227 appropriates \$160.0 in general fund to AODA for the purpose of installing and maintaining enhanced telecommunication lines to the district attorneys' statewide automation network.

### Significant Issues

According to AODA, these enhancements are necessary for the district attorneys to conduct legal research via the Internet and to participate in the courts' electronic filing program. Additionally, the agency contends the enhancements were unanticipated when its information technology request was submitted with its FY2001 budget proposal.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB227 appropriates \$160.0 in general fund to AODA for the purpose of installing and maintaining enhanced telecommunication lines to the district attorneys' statewide automation network.

AODA reports the appropriation will not be used to develop a new automation system, but rather to maintain the current automation system which connects the district attorneys to each other and other criminal justice agencies. The appropriation consists of one-time expenses of \$55.5 and recurring costs of \$104.5.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill will have minimal impact on AODA, but it will have a greater impact on the district attorney offices in how their business is conducted.

## **SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

AODA claims that without passage of this bill, the district attorneys will be unable to enhance its automation network which will negatively impact the courts' electronic filing program.

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