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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez DATE TYPED 2/23/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe County Teen Court SB 629

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### APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$35.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

No comments were received from the Administrative Office of the Courts or Administrative Office of District Attorneys at the time this FIR was prepared.

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 629 appropriates \$35,000 from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY06 for a teen court program in Santa Fe County.

#### Significant Issues

The Santa Fe Teen Program indicated that fees collected from individuals who utilize teen court generates much of the program revenues which are used for basic operations. The program assists approximately 400 young adults per year and has a budget of \$130,000. Administrative costs are used for drug and alcohol councilors, screeners, facilitators, teachers, drug tests, testing disks, printing costs and insurance. The program was receiving money from DWI grants, but has not received money since the program began to charge fees. The teen court program has been in Santa Fe County, for 11 years. The Teen Court Program deals with a variety of misdemeanor cases for young adults ages 12 - 18.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$35,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

This legislation will provide assistance to teens who struggle with problems such as DWI offenses, shoplifting, alcohol and substance abuse. This is beneficial not only to the individuals but their families and society as well.

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