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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/21/05

SPONSOR Youngberg LAST UPDATED 1-24-06 HB 114

SHORT TITLE Restorative Justice Program for Women SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$40.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 114, "Restorative Justice Program for Women," appropriates \$40,000 from the general fund to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court for the purpose of funding a "restorative justice program for women" in FY07.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$40,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

It is not clear if the \$40,000 is the cost of starting the program and the recurring cost, or if it is a pilot program level of funding or if the funds include some non-recurring items.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

It is not apparent what the proposed restorative justice program is, or what the funds will purchase.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District did not request funds for this program in their FY07 operating budget.

The Judiciary Unified Budget does not mention the said program in its list of legislation.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

It is not clear what the intended outcome of the proposed program is, or what type of performance should be expected from the program.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Additional programs will create additional administrative workload for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The “restorative justice program” will not receive state funding in FY07 in the form of an appropriation bill.

## **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. What is the proposed “restorative justice program?”
2. How does the proposed program relate to other programs already funded at the 2<sup>nd</sup> District Court such as the Violence Against Women Act-funded Domestic Violence Resource Coordinator and the Domestic Violence Early Intervention Pilot Program?
3. What is the desired outcome of the proposed program?
4. How will the Court determine if the proposed program is successful and merits future funding?
5. Have other funding sources been pursued for the program? If so, what sources?
6. Will the proposed program have any relationship with other state, or local organizations or agencies? If so, what?
7. How will someone qualify to participate in the restorative justice program?
8. How many participants will the “restorative justice program” serve/affect?

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