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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/21/05

SPONSOR Tripp LAST UPDATED _____ HB 220

SHORT TITLE 7th Judicial District Drug Court Programs SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$214.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates current HAFC recommendation for a \$200 thousand dollar Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 220, “7th Judicial District Drug Court Programs” appropriates \$214,000 from the general fund to the 7th Judicial District Court for the purpose of creating an adult drug court.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$214 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The 7th Judicial District is one of two districts in the state which does not have a drug court program. Personnel and a judge from the 7th Judicial District have already received training for starting a drug court.

It is not clear whether there are FTE associated with the proposed appropriation.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The District has not yet proposed performance measures for the proposed program, however other drug courts monitor “cost per client per day, number of drug court graduates, recidivism rate of drug court graduates, and percent graduation rate of drug court participants.”

Drug courts typically incur lower costs per client per day than incarceration. The recidivism rate is also lower for drug court graduates than other offenders. However, participants in drug courts participate for a longer time period (1 year+) than they may have spent in jail for the same offense. Also, drug court participants cannot be violent offenders.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The funding of additional programs will result in greater administrative responsibilities and workload for the 7th Judicial District Court.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill duplicates current HAFC budget recommendation for the 7th Judicial District Court, which includes a \$200 thousand dollar appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The 7th Judicial District Court may receive a majority of the funding included in this bill through the General Appropriations Act; the current HAFC recommendation includes \$200 thousand of the proposed \$214 thousand.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How many FTE, if any, are associated with the proposed drug court?
2. How has the level of need for the drug court been determined?
3. Has the level of need for drug court treatment been ranked against the other drug court proposals in the state? If so, how does the 7th District rank?
4. How was the need for an adult rather than a juvenile drug court determined?
5. What is the anticipated outcome if this program is funded?
6. Is there a collaboration planned for the proposed drug court with any other state agencies such as the public defender? If so, what is the nature of the collaboration and are the other state agencies adequately prepared?

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