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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/25/05

SPONSOR Ryan LAST UPDATED HB

SHORT TITLE Family Violence Prevention Program SB 277

ANALYST McSherry

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$36.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Senate Bill 277 duplicates House Bill 249 and relates to Senate Bill 143.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
 Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Senate Bill 277, "Family Violence Prevention Program" appropriates \$36,000 from the general fund to the 2nd Judicial District Court for the purpose of funding two family violence prevention programs: the "Say No to Abusing Power," (SNAP) program and the "Program for the Empowerment of Girls," (PEG).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$36,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

It is not clear for what specifically the requested funds would be used or how the proposed amounts of funding were decided upon.

AOC reports the programs intervene in delinquency cases of juveniles involved in domestic violence situations to provide community-based alternatives to traditional sentencing and incarceration in an effort to end the cycle of violence, crime and abuse.

The bill is included in the judiciary unified budget.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This program is already operated at the 2nd Judicial District and does not have associated performance measures.

Performance measures for the program expansion have not been proposed.

The AOC reports that, although recidivism statistics are not yet available for the programs, it is hoped they will break the cycle of violence, crime, and abuse frequently observed with juveniles involved in domestic violence situations.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Increasing the funding for this program will increase the responsibilities for the oversight for this program.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 277 duplicates House Bill 249 and relates to Senate Bill 143, “Family Assessment Domestic Violence Program.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Not enacting the bill will result the programs continuing as they are.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. For what specifically will the requested funds be used?
2. What are the expected outcomes of the proposed funding increases for the SNAP and PEG programs? How will these outcomes be determined?
3. What have the outcomes been so far during the programs’ existence?
4. Are there personnel associated with the requested funds? How many?
5. What criteria will be used to determine whether to continue requesting funds for and/or continue managing these programs?
6. What, if any, other governmental agencies or community organizations are involved with these programs?
7. Would other judicial districts benefit from similar programs? How was the 2nd Judicial District prioritized for being the first to request such a program?