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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Rural Juvenile Justice Continuum of Services

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SB

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring	Fund
FY13	FY14	or Nonrecurring	Affected
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HCPAC Amendment

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee amendment to House Bill 498 removes language which states that any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2015 would revert to the general fund.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 498 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for the juvenile continuum grant fund to develop in rural communities a continuum of cost-effective services and temporary, non-secure alternatives to detention for juveniles arrested or referred to juvenile probation or at risk of such referral.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 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 2015 shall revert to the general fund.

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SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The CYFD states that currently there are eighteen regional Juvenile Justice Continuum Boards. The Juvenile Justice Continuum Boards serve the following functions within the community:

- Analyze local trends that put youth at risk
- Assess community resource gaps that effect youth and families
- Build partnerships with key community leaders and positively impact policy regarding youth
- Fund programming that directly impacts concerns and issues facing youth
- Involve community leaders and experts to address youth and family issues

According to the CYFD, this appropriation will allow each of the existing Juvenile Justice Continuum Boards within rural communities to build upon their existing services for non-secure alternatives to detention for juveniles. The additional funding may be consistent with the Juvenile Justice Services Division's implementation of the Cambiar philosophy within the field by regionalizing services for youth in the Juvenile Justice system.

The CYFD adds that there are several identified services utilized by larger continuum sites that could be extended to rural sites as a result of additional funding. These services include but not limited to: Reception and Assessment Centers, Alternatives to Violence Programming, Intensive Monitoring, Restorative Justice Programming, Gender Specific Programming, First Offenders Programming, Citation Programs, Strength Based Programming, Alternative to Detention Programs, and Diversion Programming.

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