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HOUSE BILL 438

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

Gail C. Beam

FOR THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; PROVIDING ADEQUATE STAFFING AND RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND PROSECUTORS WHEN A NEW CRIMINAL COURT JUDGESHIP IS CREATED.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. CREATION OF NEW CRIMINAL COURT JUDGESHIP-- ADEQUATE STAFFING AND RESOURCES FOR PUBLIC DEFENDERS AND PROSECUTORS.--

A. When the legislature creates a new criminal court judgeship in the supreme court, court of appeals, district court, metropolitan court or magistrate court, necessary staffing and resources shall be provided to the public defender department, the appropriate district attorney's office and the office of the attorney general so that those agencies may adequately serve the new criminal

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1 court.

2 B. The administrative office of the courts shall
3 work with the public defender department, the administrative
4 office of the district attorneys and the office of the
5 attorney general to ensure that a unified proposal for
6 necessary staffing and resources is presented to the
7 legislature when it considers the creation of a new criminal
8 court judgeship.

9 Section 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. --The effective date of the
10 provisions of this act is July 1, 1999.

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

16 1. On page 1, line 20, after the word "the" strike the
17 remainder of the sentence.

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19 2. On page 1, line 23, after "department" strike the
20 comma and insert "and".

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22 3. On page 1, line 24, strike "and the office of the
23 attorney general".

24 4. On page 2, line 3, after "department" strike the comma
25 and insert "and".

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5. On page 2, line 4, after "attorneys" strike the remainder of the sentence in its entirety.

6. On page 2, line 5, strike "attorney general", and thence referred to the APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

R. David Pederson, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Luna, Sanchez

Absent: None

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