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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/28/13
 SPONSOR SJC LAST UPDATED 02/12/13 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE Bernalillo Teen Court Program SB 161/SJCS
 ANALYST Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
NFI	\$50.0	Recurring	Juvenile Adjudication

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Judiciary Committee substitute for Senate Bill 161 (SB 161) appropriates \$50 thousand from the Juvenile Adjudication Fund (JAF) to the Local Government Division of the DFA for the purpose of providing funds for the operation and administration of the Bernalillo county teen court program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the JAF. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY14 shall revert to the JAF.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the DFA, the [teen court] funding process is designed as a competitive grant process, to date, DFA/LGD has not had to deny funding to any applicants because of a lack of available funding. However, no teen court operating in Bernalillo County has ever applied for JAF funding

All teen courts receiving JAF funds, including those funded at the direction of the Legislature, must comply with program guidelines that are designed to ensure the safety of participating minors, reduction in recidivism rates, and accountability of public funds.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Directed appropriations from the JAF reduce the amount of funding that can be awarded to other teen courts through a competitive application process that is designed to ensure the best use of public funds.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The DFA suggests adding language to HB 11 on page 37, line 14 to reflect the appropriation of \$50,000 in JAF funds to a teen court in Bernalillo county.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If the Senate Judiciary Committee substitute for SB 161 is not approved, a teen court that would have been funded by the bill could apply for a JAF grant for FY14.

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