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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Martinez ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/17
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Funds for AOC Director Duties SB 165
ANALYST Downs

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17	FY18		
NFI	\$205.0	\$205.0	Recurring	Fund Balance

Duplicates Senate Bill 142

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 165 adds a subsection to section 34-9-3 NMSA 1978, which outlines the duties of the director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), to allow the director to apply and receive public and private funds, including federal funds, for AOC operations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 165 would yield a slight increase in revenues received by the judicial branch, according to AOC. AOC has received federal grants and transfers of funds from other state offices in the past. The new, occasional revenue that is anticipated is payment for training and certification through the court services programs administered by AOC. Currently, if additional revenue is received, an appropriation is required for expenditure. AOC projects it will generate \$205 thousand for use in its operating budgets under the expanded authority of Senate Bill 165.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to AOC, the new language in Senate Bill 165 expands the authority of the director of the AOC to more closely align with the authority described in almost every executive department's enabling statutes. It provides express statutory authority for the AOC director to not only receive federal and other state funds through grants and agreements, but to receive funds from other public entities such as municipal courts or other states. These revenues would result from training fees or similar services such as the language access educational program sponsored by the judiciary, and would be used to offset AOC administration and training costs.

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