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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Hemphill ORIGINAL DATE 02/11/21
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
 SHORT TITLE Substance Abuse Treatment Feasibility Study SB 178
 ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22		
	\$50.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$19.0		\$19.9	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act for the Human Services Department's Behavioral Health Services Division.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 178 (SB178) would appropriate \$50 thousand from the general fund to the human services department for expenditure in fiscal year 2022 for a substance abuse treatment feasibility study.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill would appropriate \$50 thousand from the general fund to HSD in FY22 for a nonrecurring study. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY2022 would revert

to the general fund.

HSD reports the appropriation of \$50 thousand to HSD in FY22 would be used to contract for the proposed substance abuse treatment feasibility study. In addition, the cost for one staff manager at 0.25 FTE to oversee the contract is \$19.9 thousand.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill does not provide detail about what would be studied. However, HSD reports it is the understanding of the Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) that the study is intended to determine the feasibility of adding a 14-day step-down unit to the crisis triage model. BHSD would develop and oversee a contract study for this purpose.

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