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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Snyder DATE TYPED 01/31/04 HB \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHORT TITLE Replace Funding for Federal Drug Courts SB 129  
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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	472.1			Recurring	General Fund

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From  
 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 129 appropriates \$472,100 from the general fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to replace federal funds for juvenile drug courts in the third, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth judicial districts.

#### Significant Issues

The Judiciary is requesting funds to replace federal funds for the following Juvenile drug courts:

<u>Judicial Unit</u>	<u>Replace Federal Funding</u>	<u>Existing FTEs</u>
Third Judicial District	\$ 39.7	1
Eleventh Judicial District	\$238.9	5
Twelfth Judicial District	\$118.7	0
Thirteenth Judicial District	<u>\$ 74.8</u>	<u>1</u>
 TOTAL	 \$472.1	 7

The AOC states that five of New Mexico's established juvenile drug court programs are at risk of shutting down their operations in FY 05 because existing federal financial assistance is at the end of its funding cycle. The federal Department of Justice monies for the drug court programs are intended to seed, not permanently support, drug court programs. If the \$472.1 be appropriated from the General Fund to the AOC, these five existing juvenile drug court programs will be able to continue their established programs to assist non-violent juvenile drug and alcohol offenders either presently participating in or entering these court-ordered programs in FY 05.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$472.1 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

AOC reports that State funding for existing juvenile drug court programs will allow these programs to continue their operations at the same levels established with federal dollars, thus requiring administrative and fiscal personnel and resources to oversee and operate the drug court programs.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

See fiscal implications above.

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