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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Jennings DATE TYPED 3/15/05 HB _____
SHORT TITLE Judicial Standards Commission Loan & Expenses SB 1032
ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
\$225.0				Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1032 appropriations \$225 thousand from the General fund to the judicial standards commission for expenditure in fiscal years 2005 and 2006. Up to \$125 thousand is to be used for the purpose of repaying a state board of finance loan for trials in fiscal year 2005 and \$100 thousand is to be used for expenses for trials in fiscal year 2006.

Significant Issues

The Judicial Standards Commission provides a review process for the public by addressing complaints involving judicial misconduct in order to preserve the integrity and impartiality of the judicial process.

In September, 2004, the State Board of Finance approved an emergency loan of approximately \$101 thousand to the commission, which is due June 1, 2005.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$225 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The General Appropriation Act contains a general fund appropriation of \$573.1 thousand, an increase of \$144.7 over the amount budgeted in FY 2005.

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