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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-27-06

SPONSOR Grubestic LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe County Teen Court SB 246

ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB230, SB246

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 246 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY07 for a teen court program in Santa Fe County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The AOC indicated the Santa Fe teen court program assists about 400 young adults per year and has been in Santa Fe County for 12 years. The program gets referrals from municipal, magistrate and district court.

DFA added that the program deals with a variety of misdemeanor cases for young adults, age 12-18 years of age. Fees collected from individuals who utilize teen court generate much of the program revenues which are used for basic operations. This program has been successful in providing substance abuse counseling services. Administrative costs are used for drug and alcohol counselors, screeners, facilitators, teachers, drug tests, testing disks, printing costs and insurance. All services are provided to teens whom have citations for substance abuse and referrals made by the magistrate/municipal courts, schools and juvenile probation officers. The program also provides drug and alcohol testing, upon requests. The program was receiving funding from DWI grants, but has not received funding since the program began to charge fees.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA indicated that LGD/DFA would enter in a grant agreement with Santa Fe County to administer this appropriation. The project will be assigned to a project manager in the Community Development Bureau. Previously, the DFA has administered a grant with Santa Fe County so this should not be difficult.

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