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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/06

SPONSOR Sanchez, B. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE School Drug Demand Reduction Program SB 352

ANALYST Peery

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 352 appropriates \$200.0 from the general fund to the Department of Military Affairs for the purpose of providing for a drug demand reduction program through the Civil Air Patrol cadet program for at-risk middle and high school students.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

PED reports that the schools would receive the program, but not the funding due to the Department of Military Affairs being the fiscal agent.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED reports the program has been in six schools (five middle schools and one high school) involving 215 students. PED states the additional funding would expand the program to include 7 more schools that would bring the number of students served to around 500.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

PED reports current substance abuse prevention research does not identify the civil air patrol program as an effective intervention for preventing substance use among adolescents. The department cites *Prevention Drug Use among Children and Adolescents: A Research Guide for Parents, Educators, and Community Leaders*, National Institute of Health/U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, October 2003.

PED states the impact of the program is determined by tracking grades and discipline referral rates. PED reports at this time no data is available to determine the impact of the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DMA reports the agency and the Civil Air Patrol are configured to administer the expansion of the program.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The proposed legislation is a duplicate of Senate Bill 154.

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