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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/07

SPONSOR Varela LAST UPDATED _____ HB 647

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe County Teen Court SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$85.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 647 appropriates \$85,000 in General Fund for a teen court program in Santa Fe County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$85.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Department of Finance and Administration, Santa Fe County currently has an existing teen court program, which operates as Teen Court of Santa Fe County. Teen Court of Santa Fe County works with youth in areas such as DWI prevention, substance abuse prevention and counseling. The program offers alternatives such as community service for youth that have committed misdemeanor crimes. Family involvement is encouraged. The program is funded mostly through legislative appropriations, with a partial match from Santa Fe County.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HB 647 states the appropriation would be administered by the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance. The Division currently has a grant reimbursable process in place which could be mirrored for this appropriation.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to Alice Sealey, Director of the Teen Court of Santa Fe County, the Court has a minimal recidivism rate of 3 to 5 percent.

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