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Revision Date/Time (Note if correction)	Dept. Affected	Law
Title	BRU	Criminal Division/Civil Division
amending ..Rules of Criminal Procedure ..Delinquency Rules...	Component	Human Services
Sponsor	Senator Halford	1st-4th Jud Dist, Crim Apps/Spec Lit
Requester	Senate Judiciary Committee	Component Serial No. 2198-99/2261/79/01/03 2206

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note. Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

FUND SOURCE	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005
1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

Estimate of any current year (FY99) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill establishes in the legislative branch the Office of the Victims' Advocate. The victims' advocate will advocate on behalf of crime victims in felony cases in the courts of the state and investigate complaints of crime victims in felony and certain class A misdemeanor cases that they have been denied their rights under the constitution and laws of the state.

The potential fiscal impact from enactment of this law on the Department of Law is dependent on the philosophy and depth of involvement of the victims' advocate. At a minimum, the length of time required for cases in which the victims' advocate participates will increase, simply by virtue of having an additional attorney involved. The potential that the victims' advocate will be at odds with the prosecutor over matters involving trial strategy, tactics, and plea negotiations would add additional time and expense. These costs are speculative, and the department cannot assign a cost without additional experience.

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