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 Title An Act relating to crimes and offenses relating BRU Legal and Advocacy Services
 to aural representations, recordings ... Component Public Defender Agency
 Sponsor Senator Taylor
 Requester (S) FIN Component No. 1631

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
Personal Services						
Travel	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Contractual	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7	11.7
Supplies						
Equipment	6.5	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	21.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0

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

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF	21.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	21.5	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2000) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See attached.

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Analysis (continued)

This bill amends current law and adds new statutes to enable prosecution of a wide variety of computer-related offenses.

Prosecution and defense of these offenses will require sophisticated technical expertise. The Public Defender Agency does not currently have the computer equipment and the staff who have the technical knowledge necessary to defend criminal cases that could be brought under this new legislation.

It is difficult to predict how many additional cases the Public Defender Agency would be appointed to if this bill becomes law. The Department of Law has estimated that there would only be ten additional cases prosecuted in the first year and says it does not anticipate much in the way of increased workload. The Public Defender Agency is concerned about these estimates. This is a very broadly worded bill that would make unlawful a wide range of activity on individual personal computers, computer networks, and on the Internet. Although the Agency has concerns about the impact of this legislation in coming years, we will use the Department of Law's estimates.

The Public Defender Agency does not currently have the sophisticated computer equipment, software, peripherals, and associated communication devices that are necessary for the defense of these cases. We are requesting a one-time equipment purchase for our Anchorage office and plan to use this equipment as a resource for the rest of the state, too. We are paralleling the Department of Law's requests in terms of maintenance of this equipment, contractual services for training and employee travel. We are adding a small additional amount in contractual services anticipating that one case will go to trial in which we will need the services of an expert witness.