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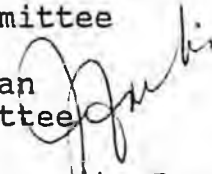
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Pat Rodey, Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Jan Faiks, Co-Chairman
Senate Finance Committee 

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 481 - Community Legal Assistance
Grants

SB 481 repeals the Community Legal Assistance Grants program currently under the Department of Community and Regional Affairs. The Senate Finance Committee did not fund the program in the FY 87 budget and recommends the current statute be repealed.

For background, the program has provided grants to eligible first and second class cities, unincorporated villages and regional associations to enable them to obtain legal assistance. Eligibility was based on the entity's inability to obtain legal assistance through other means. A grant could not exceed \$20,000 and had to be used on a single project and not for general legal counsel.

During the Finance Subcommittee on the Department of Community and Regional Affairs budget discussions, Senator Kerttula learned that there no longer is a demand for the program. As a result, his subcommittee recommended zero funding and that the current statute be repealed.

If the Committee needs any additional information, please let me know.

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