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**SB17-220**

**FISCAL NOTE**

**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

**Drafting Number:** LLS 17-0314  
**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Court  
Rep. Arndt

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**Bill Status:** Senate SVMA  
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**BILL TOPIC:** SUNSET RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

<b>Fiscal Impact Summary</b>	<b>FY 2017-2018</b>	<b>FY 2018-2019</b>
<b>State Revenue</b>		
<b>State Expenditures</b>	<b><u>\$215,900</u></b>	<b><u>\$215,900</u></b>
<i>Continuing expenditures</i>		
Cash Funds	215,900	215,900
<b>FTE Position Change</b>	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
<b>Appropriation Required:</b> None, see State Appropriations section.		
<b>Future Year Impacts:</b> Continuation of current expenditures.		

**Summary of Legislation**

This bill indefinitely continues the Restorative Justice Coordinating Council in the Judicial Department. Under current law, this council is scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2017.

**Background**

Restorative justice is a criminal justice practice that focuses on repairing the harm done to victims of crime through negotiation, mediation, victim empowerment, and reparation. The Restorative Justice Coordinating Council was created in 2007 to provide assistance and education related to restorative justice programs, serve as a central repository for information, assist in the development and provision of related education and training, and to provide technical assistance to entities engaged in developing restorative justice programs. The council consists of 19 members whom serve without compensation and are not reimbursed for expenses. In 2013, the Restorative Justice Surcharge Cash Fund was created to cover the costs of the Restorative Justice Council. This is funded by a \$10 surcharge on each person convicted of a crime and each juvenile adjudicated of a crime. This fund is not subject to the same repeal date as the Restorative Justice Coordinating Council. For FY 2017-18, \$1,000,842 in restorative justice program funding has been requested by the Judicial Department which includes Restorative Justice Council funding.

### **State Expenditures**

By continuing the Restorative Justice Coordinating Council, the bill will increase state cash fund expenditures in the Judicial Department by \$215,900 per year beginning in FY 2017-18. These costs represent a continuation of the council's current expenses which include 1.0 FTE for a restorative justice coordinator and operating and administrative costs.

The continuation of the Restorative Justice Coordinating Council also continues workload for state agencies that have members on the Restorative Justice Coordinating Council including the Department of Human Services, the Judicial Department, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Education.

### **Local Government Impacts**

Workload continues for local members of the Restorative Justice Coordinating Council which include district attorneys and local law enforcement.

### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

### **State Appropriations**

No appropriation is required. Funding for the Restorative Justice Coordinating Council was included in the Judicial Department's base FY 2017-18 restorative justice program budget request. If this funding is not included in the FY 2017-18 Long Bill, this bill will require an appropriation of \$215,900 and an allocation of 1.0 FTE from the Restorative Justice Surcharge Cash Fund to the Judicial Department.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

Judicial