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SB17-220

**FINAL
FISCAL NOTE**

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

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Prime Sponsor(s): Sen. Court
Rep. Arndt

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Bill Status: Signed into Law
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BILL TOPIC: SUNSET RESTORATIVE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2017-2018	FY 2018-2019
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	\$215,900	\$215,900
<i>Continuing expenditures</i>		
Cash Funds	215,900	215,900
FTE Position Change	1.0 FTE	1.0 FTE
Appropriation Required: None, see State Appropriations section.		
Future Year Impacts: 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 to restorative justice programs, serve as a central repository for information, assist in the development of education and training, and to provide technical assistance to entities engaged in developing restorative justice programs. The council consists of 19 members that 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 and this includes funding for the Restorative Justice Council.

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, 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

This bill was signed into law by the Governor and took effect on April 28, 2017.

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.

State and Local Government Contacts

Judicial