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Relative to human trafficking courts

Present law authorizes the judges of any judicial district court, by majority vote of the judges sitting en banc, to designate a certain division or section of court as a specialized division or section having criminal, civil, drug court, driving while intoxicated court, mental health court, violent crimes or homicides, or other specialized subject matter jurisdiction. Proposed law retains present law and adds human trafficking court as an authorized division or section.
Proposed law authorizes the presiding judge of the human trafficking court to be trained in issues of human trafficking and the support services available to victims. Proposed law requires all prostitution-related offenses to be identified at arraignment and if not resolved, transferred to the human trafficking section of the court. Proposed law provides that if it is determined by a judge, after a contradictory hearing that a case involves a victim in need of services, the victim shall receive the following if available: 1) appropriate support services available for victims of human trafficking, and 2) the opportunity to receive non-criminal disposition or dismissal of the case if the victim complies with mandated support services.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Ded./Other	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Local Funds	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Annual Total	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may result in an indeterminable increase in state and/or local expenditures. The bill provides that each district court by rule may designate a division to preside over a human trafficking court program to which prostitution-related offenses are assigned.

The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable since it is not known how many judicial districts will create the specialized court. The specific expenditures associated with the establishment of the human trafficking court are dependent upon the size and scope of the human trafficking court. To the extent the human trafficking court involves court hearings above the normal current court activity, the district courts will likely experience an increase in expenditures. However, such costs may be mitigated as it is possible that some of the cases that would have otherwise been heard in an existing division will not be transferred and heard in the human trafficking court. Costs may also arise in training the judge of the specialized court in human trafficking issues and services available to victims. There are currently no courts in the state that operate a human trafficking court program.

In addition, to the extent the human trafficking clients in the court receive any treatment at a state facility, there could be an indeterminable increase in any state and/or federal costs associated with such treatment.

NOTE: According to the Human Trafficking and the State Courts Collaborative, the following resources may be needed to support trafficking victims: safe housing for victims; transportation to medical and counseling services, court, and programs; medical care and substance abuse and mental health treatment; life skills and vocational treatment; and new social security numbers. Courts will also need to develop and tailor risk and needs assessment tools for trafficking victims. It is unknown at this time whether the costs associated with the court program resources discussed above would paid for by local courts, state agencies, or both.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate — Dual Referral Rules — House

- ☐ 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
- ☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= $100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
- ☐ 6.8(F)(2) >= $500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}
- ☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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