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Joint Committee on Finance

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Case Management Funding for Milwaukee County (DOA -- Office of Justice Assistance and District Attorneys)

Bill Section

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CURRENT LAW

Through the Department of Administration (DOA), the state provides funding and staff for computer automation in district attorney offices statewide, including the development of a district attorney (DA) case management system, and the development of integrated justice information systems shared by DAs, the courts, law enforcement, and other justice agencies. These systems are being implemented on a county-by-county basis. Budgeted funding for the DOA program in 2006-07 is \$3,467,500 PR supported from a portion of the \$5 justice information fee (\$2,456,300), from the federal Byrne justice assistance grant program (\$732,500), and from penalty surcharge revenue (\$278,700). Through July, 2006, the state has installed: (a) local area networks and related hardware and software in 69 DA offices statewide; (b) the DA case management system in 65 DA offices; (c) a connection to the state court system's database (CCAP) in 64 DA offices; and (d) a computerized criminal history report (for criminal background checks) in 65 DA offices.

GOVERNOR

Provide \$25,000 GPR in 2007-08, to DOA's Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) to permit the Office to transfer \$25,000 to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office to support the development of case management processes.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Administration staff indicates that the one-time funds would be provided to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office to help the office plan to use the DA case management system as a business tool, including how to track caseload and other data.

2. As there may be unique transition issues associated with the largest district attorney's office converting to the DA case management system, the Committee could consider providing the recommended funding. On the other hand, as other DA offices have been expected to convert to the case management system without supplemental state funding, the Committee could consider deleting the recommendation.

3. Under the provisions of the bill, the funding would be provided to OJA's general program operations appropriation. As this appropriation does not authorize the allocation of grant funding, the Committee could consider either: (a) creating an appropriation under OJA to allocate the funding; or (b) creating an appropriation under DOA's Division of Administrative Services to allocate the funding. As the recommendation under SB 40 involves a one-time payment to an identified recipient who is neither required to apply for the funds, nor is a formal reporting requirement applied to the recipient, the Committee could adopt (b) above. As the funds are intended as one-time funding, any appropriation could be created to sunset at the end of 2007-08.

ALTERNATIVES TO BILL

1. Provide \$25,000 GPR in 2007-08, to the Department of Administration's Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) to permit the Office to transfer \$25,000 to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office to support the development of case management processes.

ALT 1	Change to Bill Funding	Change to Base Funding
GPR	\$0	\$25,000

2. Modify the recommendation by creating a GPR annual appropriation under OJA authorizing the Office to make a grant to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office to support the development of case management processes. Provide that this appropriation would sunset on June 30, 2008.

ALT 2	Change to Bill Funding	Change to Base Funding
GPR	\$0	\$25,000

3. Modify the recommendation by creating a GPR annual appropriation under the Department of Administration's Division of Administrative Services authorizing the Department to make a grant to the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office to support the development of case management processes. Provide that this appropriation would sunset on June 30, 2008.

ALT 3	Change to Bill Funding	Change to Base Funding
GPR	\$0	\$25,000

4. Delete provision.

ALT 4	Change to Bill Funding	Change to Base Funding
GPR	-\$25,000	\$0

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