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Fact Sheet for: Senate Bill 353

Short Title: Repeal Daycare Requirements for Fairbanks Court

Summary:

- SB 353 repeals a section of Ch. 92, SLA 1986, which requires the Court System to provide a day-care facility in the Rabinowitz Courthouse in Fairbanks for the use of employees, jurors and witnesses.

Benefits:

- If the day-care center requirement is repealed, \$350,000 from the bond proceeds will be transferred to the bond redemption account held by the state's trustee.
- These funds would then be available to offset \$350,000 in general fund spending from the state's Debt Retirement Fund.
- This will not disadvantage the public because the private sector is already providing day-care in the immediate vicinity.

Background:

- The day-care center was stipulated by the state Legislature when funding was first authorized for the courthouse. Project planners decided to build a stand-alone center near the new building then lease it to a private provider. However, no qualified bidders came forward for the request for proposals because a private day-care facility is already located within two blocks of the courthouse. A poll by a consultant showed little demand for the stand-alone day-care center. The Court System brought this issue to the attention of the Senate Finance Committee in an effort to assist the Legislature in reducing general fund spending without negatively affecting the public.