

## Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB678

House of Origin      X      Introduced                  Substitute                  Engrossed  
Second House                  In Committee              Substitute                  Enrolled

**2. Patron:**        Puckett

**3. Committee:** Senate Courts of Justice

**4. Title:**         **Drug Treatment Court Act**

**5. Summary:** Authorizes a drug treatment court for the County of Tazewell.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary (see Item 8)

**6a. Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2009	\$182,500		GF
2010	\$182,500		GF
2011	\$182,500		GF
2012	\$182,500		GF
2013	\$182,500		GF
2014	\$182,500		GF

**7. Budget Amendment Necessary:** Yes, Item 38

**8. Fiscal Implications:** According to the Supreme Court, Tazewell County averages over 200 arrests a month and has 912 probationers on State Probation. It is estimated that 50% of these meet drug court eligibility. The Tazewell Drug Court has been operational since 2005 and currently serves 10 participants. Without additional funding, the Tazewell County Drug Treatment Court will continue to only serve a small percentage of that eligible population. The requested funds of \$182,500 will allow for hiring dedicated staff so that at least 20 participants may be served.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None

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