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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Knauer DATE TYPED: 02/14/01 HB 209  
 SHORT TITLE: Prevent Child Abduction Educational Video SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST: Esquibel

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 200.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health (DOH)  
 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 209 appropriates \$200.0 to DOH to acquire and distribute an educational video tape regarding methods to prevent child abduction and recover abducted children.

#### Significant Issues

DOH indicates the appropriation would be better spent on a comprehensive child abuse prevention strategy with child abduction prevention and response included in the strategy, and in collaboration with CYFD.

DOH already has purchased 1,000 copies of “What To Do If Your Child Disappears” videos in January 2001 and is currently distributing these videos through Safer NM Now’ clearinghouse to schools, libraries, law enforcement agencies and community organizations.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY02 shall revert to the general fund.

This appropriation is sufficient to allow DOH to purchase an additional 66,000 copies of the video “What To Do If Your Child Disappears”.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

DOH suggests revising HB209 to include a comprehensive child abuse prevention strategy that encompasses the use of training and training media (handouts, booklets and videos) in cooperation with other child abuse prevention key players. Training targets would be DOH field staff, law enforcement agencies, parents, teachers, child care providers and others.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

NM Vital Records and Health Statistics receive an average of 250 to 300 missing child reports annually that are generated by a law enforcement agency as required by law.

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