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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Moores LAST UPDATED 02/18/13 HB _____

SHORT TITLE NM Poison & Drug Information Center SB 140/aSFC

ANALYST Roberts

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (UNM HSC)
Higher Education Department (HED)
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SFC Amendment

The Senate Finance Committee to Senate Bill 140 includes striking the term “telephone” throughout the bill.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 140 proposes to formally establish the New Mexico Poison & Drug Information Center (NMPDIC) in New Mexico statute. This bill outlines program responsibilities consistent with contemporary United States poison centers and mandates that the program continue to meet American Association of Poison Control Centers accreditation criteria.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications associated with this bill.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The DOH cites that this bill mandates the creation of the NMPDIC, which already exists as part of the UNM HSC. Nationwide, poison centers provide life-saving emergency treatment information to the public as well as professional and public education. The DOH has relied on the NMPDIC in the past to support its response to public health emergencies by providing 24/7 information to the public regarding the emergency via their phone center

UNM adds:

The NMPDIC reduces health care expenses by treating poisonings safely at home and by optimizing care of hospitalized patients. In FY12, the Center managed 14,403 poisonings safely at home, thereby reducing potential emergency room charges by \$18.2 M (\$1,265 per visit). It is estimated that the NMPDIC reduced poisoning hospital stays in FY12 by 4,584 days, leading to an additional cost reduction of \$27.5 M (\$6000 per hospital day).

The NMPDIC's FY13 operating budget included \$1.48 million dollars, including \$111,270 in federal funding. The federal funding is dependent on maintenance of effort by the State and upon continued poison center accreditation. Loss of State funding may jeopardize all or a portion of federal funding. Continued general fund and tobacco settlement fund reductions in poison center funding will eventually impact 24-hour service.

While the NMPDIC is administratively attached to the UNM College of Pharmacy, it serves a statewide purpose. The NMPDIC handled 33,197 calls in FY12. The calls came from all NM counties and involved all age groups. The NMPDIC handles calls from both English and non-English speaking clients 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The NMPDIC has one of the highest utilization rates in the United States.

In addition, the NMPDIC serves as a major teaching site for the College of Pharmacy and Department of Emergency Medicine, coordinates over one hundred poison prevention programs throughout the state, and assists the NM Department of Health with a variety of all-hazards emergency planning and response activities.

The NMPDIC meets operational standards outlined in the American Association of Poison Control Center certification criteria.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center shall maintain certification by the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If Senate Bill 140 is not enacted, the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center would continue to operate without being mandated by statute.

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