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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Picraux	DATE TYPED:	1-24-00	HB	75
SHORT TITLE:	Violence Prevention Counseling Program			SB	
				ANALYST:	Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 1,500.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill appropriates \$1,500.0 to the State Department of Education for expenditure in FY01 for a competitive application program to improve the effectiveness of student counseling programs by lowering the counselor-to-student ratio 1:250.

Significant Issues

The provisions in the bill recognize that counselors currently provide services that can be used to prevent violence, but the high counselor-to-student ratio hampers the ability of the counselors to deal effectively with the many students they must advise. It is believed that lower the counselor-to-student ratio help prevent violence by providing adequate support to students.

The bill requires that SDE and funded school districts report the impact of the program to the LESC by November 2001.

FISCAL IMPACT

This bill appropriates \$1,500.0 in general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The SDE analysis indicates the agency can administer the program with existing staff.

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