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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Feldman DATE TYPED: 03/04/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: Evaluation of Sexually Abused Children SB 42
 ANALYST: Gilbert

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 198.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 42 appropriates \$198.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) to support a program for special evaluations of children and adolescents who may have been sexually abused or assaulted.

Significant Issues

According to the Commission for Higher Education (CHE), a request for this appropriation was not included in UNM's budget request to the UNM Board of Regents, and thus was not submitted to the CHE for review. The CHE did not recommend funding for this program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$198.0 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.

AMENDMENTS

The CHE suggests the following language for all new recurring higher education programs and expansion of current programs (assuming that funding will continue beyond 2001-2002):

“The institution receiving the appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education by August 2, 2004 detailing the benefits to the State of New Mexico from having this program implemented for a three-year period.”

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