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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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APPROPRIATION

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Attorney General's Office (AG) Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 363 provides for post-conviction DNA testing provided certain requirements are met when a petition is filed in district court. SB 363 proposes to delete the current time limitation of July 1, 2002 for the filing of a petition seeking post-conviction DNA testing.

Significant Issues

DNA testing through state agencies or private firms is currently available for any pending criminal case in New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There might be a small workload increase for the courts, but the AG has noted that to date, no petition seeking post-conviction DNA testing has been filed. It is unlikely the change in the law will have any significant impact.

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