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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Maes DATE TYPED 1/21/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Rape Crisis Center Counseling SB 44

ANALYST Johnson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
NM Commission on the Status of Women

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 44 appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the local government division of the department of finance and administration for the purpose of contracting for counseling and therapy service for children at a rape crisis center in Santa Fe county.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women note the bill does not have performance criterion indicating how many children will be served or for how long.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women provided the following information: According to “The Nature of Sexual Assault in New Mexico” report by Betty Caponera, PhD., in 1995-1996 there were 1,620 reported sexual offenses and of those cases sixty-three percent were children under the age of 17.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Would this appropriation be more effectively administered by the Department of Health that has experience with similar programs?

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