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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez DATE TYPED 2/2/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Community College Joint Software Initiative SB 365

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$1,200.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 191

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Off ice of Chief Information Officer (OCIO)

No Response

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 363 appropriates \$1.2 million from the general fund to the Community College Board of the Santa Fe Community College to fully implement a joint administrative software initiative that will serve Santa Fe Community College, Northern New Mexico Community College, and New Mexico Junior College.

Significant Issues

The OCIO reports that not funding this project will reduce the “interoperability” of these community colleges with the majority of the state’s other colleges and universities in the areas of an administration and student-services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.2 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY05 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

This proposal was not submitted to the CHE by any one of the three community colleges addressed by this bill. Consequently, the Commission did not review the request.

AMENDMENTS

The following language is suggested for all new recurring higher education programs and expansion of current programs (assuming that funding will continue beyond FY05):

“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 2007 detailing the benefits to the State of New Mexico from having implemented this program over a three period.”

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