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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nava DATE TYPED 2-18-04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Gadsden Bullying & Violence Program SB 398

ANALYST Segura

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

New Mexico Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 398 appropriates \$50.0 to PED to develop, implement and evaluate a bullying and violence prevention program in the Gadsden Independent School District.

Significant Issues

According to PED, bullying and being victimized by bullies are recognized as health problems for children because of their association with range of adjustment problems, including mental health and violent behavior.

The PED has trained 46 staff coaches and 23 trainers throughout the state. These individuals could be instrumental in establishing guidelines for bullying prevention policies and providing training and technical assistance to school districts to implement bullying prevention programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund and is recurring.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to PED, the staff would be required to administer a request for proposal, establish a contract and provide oversight and technical assistance for the proposed projects.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB 199 and SB 185, which require the PED to establish guidelines for bullying prevention policies by August 2005.

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