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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR A	ragon	DATE TYPED	2/6/04	HB	
SHORT TITLE Bernalillo & Santa		Fe Computer Club Houses		SB	434
			ANAI	LYST	Maloy

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring	Fund
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05	or Non-Rec	Affected
	\$450.0			Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From Children, Youth and Families Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 434 appropriates \$450.0 thousand from the General Fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in FY 05 to fund computer club houses in the cities of Albuquerque, Bernalillo and Santa Fe.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 05 shall revert to the General Fund.

Significant Issues

- These clubs provide a safe, alternative place for children to go after school and on weekends.
- Potentially, these clubs could expand to incorporate other school-aid components, such as a mentor program through which children would receive assistance with their homework. Creative reflection on the possibilities for additional program components may expand the benefits of such club houses many times over.
- The Children, Youth and Families Department notes such computer club houses will afford many children the opportunity to learn necessary computer skills and enhance their knowl-

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edge of technology – children who may otherwise not have such opportunities.

• The department also notes it would be expected to provide monitoring services for these clubs. The department did not state that providing such services would be problematic. The services may be provided under a professional services contract with local community participants.

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