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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR HEC DATE TYPED 03/03/05 HB 933/HECS

SHORT TITLE Pojoaque Schools Teacher Development SB _____

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$75.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Education Committee Substitute for House Bill 933 appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to the Public Education Department (PED) for the purpose of training Pojoaque Valley public school teachers in prevention and intervention strategies for substance abuse and child abuse.

Significant Issues

Substance abuse is a major problem in some Northern New Mexico counties. This problem also shows up in abuse and neglect of children. Teachers are often the first individuals that can detect changes in a student's behavior, personality or performance. Professional training will assist teachers in recognizing patterns indication abuse or neglect at home. In addition, family drug abuse problems may manifest themselves in the child's reactions to classroom situations. A teacher's early detection of potential problems can lead to getting families or the child help to combat the problems of drug or child abuse.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Children who are safe in their environment perform better in the classroom.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC FY06 appropriation recommendation is balanced between revenues and expenditures and any increase in recurring funding must be offset by reductions in other areas of the recommendation. The Legislature must consider all priorities and funding requirements to find revenue to support this legislation.

Education reform may require the expenditures of at least an additional \$26 million in FY07 as follows: \$16 million for raising minimum salaries of level 3-A teachers to \$45,000; \$4 million for pre-kindergarten; and \$6 million for fine arts. These will be in addition to expected increased costs for opening the doors (fixed costs, insurance, enrollment growth, and increased employer contributions to the educational retirement fund) which could be another \$35 million. In addition, \$4 million is needed for increased employer contributions to educational retirement fund from higher education institutions. It may be prudent to avoid additional commitments to recurring appropriations in future fiscal years.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Pojoaque Valley Public School district will need to determine the best method for obtaining and delivering the desired training.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

Teachers may not receive training in the early detection of child abuse and potential drug abuse problems.

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