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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia DATE TYPED 2-24-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Alamogordo Public School Reading Program SB 36

ANALYST Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 36 appropriates \$100.0 for the Alamogordo Public Schools audio stimulation reading programs in the elementary schools.

Significant Issues

According to the PED, the Alamogordo Public Schools, in collaboration with New Mexico State University (NMSU) and the Sierra Dove Global Association, is currently piloting the Alpha Literacy Program for at-risk students at one school site. A major focus of this program involves specific auditory stimulation that results in stronger literacy skills (reading, writing, listening and oral expression) with the intent of closing the achievement gap for high-need students).

The Alpha Literacy Program was first implemented in New Mexico's public schools during the 2003-2004 school years.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The program performance reported the average gain for all participating students was 1.8 years in reading level, with many students gaining up to four years.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 36 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund and is recurring.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

PED would administer the distribution of the funds and monitor the program.

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