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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia DATE TYPED 3/14/2005 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Study Child Abuse Statutes SB SM 29

ANALYST Dunbar

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			Minimal		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 29 requests that the appropriate legislative interim committee study the statutes relating to the criminal offense of child abuse to determine whether the statutes are serving the best interests of New Mexico children.

The memorial seeks specific review by the interim committee in the definition of criminal negligence and its applicability in child abuse offenses. The memorial further provides that the interim committee must solicit the professional opinions of prosecutors, criminal defense attorneys, victim advocates, family members of victims and any other appropriate parties.

Copies of the memorial are to be transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council for assignment to the appropriate interim legislative committee

Significant Issues

The proposed study by the legislators would most likely require input from the courts.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There may be a fiscal impact on the courts associated with time spent by staff on the study.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

There may be an administrative impact on the courts associated with time spent by staff on the study

CYFD would absorb any administrative costs associated with the study with existing resources.

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