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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/30/07

SPONSOR Swisstack LAST UPDATED _____ HB 516

SHORT TITLE Statewide Youth Violence Prevention SB _____

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 516 would appropriate \$150,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health (DOH) for expenditure in FY08 to support community-driven initiatives and programs for a statewide youth violence prevention network. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes that this appropriation is not contained in the executive budget request. DOH has a fulltime youth violence prevention coordinator who would administer the program, so there should not be an additional operating budget impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH notes that the prevalence of both physical fighting and physical fighting at school were higher in New Mexico than in any other state participating in the Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS). New Mexico's YRRS reports that 36.7% of students were in a physical fight

within the 30 days preceding the survey. Fighting was more common among boys (43.5%) than among girls (29.4%). Ninth graders were more likely to have been in a fight at school than 12th graders (19.2% and 10.6%, respectively).

Approximately 10% of students reported that they had been threatened on school property with a gun, knife, or club within the 12 months before the survey. Boys were more likely to have been threatened at school than girls (12.4% and 7.4%, respectively). Skipping school because of safety concerns was reported by 8.6% of students, which was the second highest rate among all the YRRS states.

Dating violence (having been hit by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past 12 months) was reported by 10% of New Mexico students. Over 8% of students (8.4%) had been physically forced to have sexual intercourse in their lifetimes. Girls were over two times as likely to report having been forced to have sex than boys (11.1% and 5.4%, respectively).

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