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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE 1-19-07		
SPONSOR	M.J. Garcia	LAST UPDATED	HB
	STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE		
SHORT TITLE	PROGRAMS	SB	83
		ANALYST	Lucero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
\$1,000.0		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 94 “STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES”

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 83 appropriates one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department to contract with ten domestic violence programs statewide including programs in Artesia, Belen, Carlsbad, Deming, Gallup, Grants, Hobbs, Roswell, Silver City and Albuquerque for shelter care, child and adolescent counseling, family counseling and crisis intervention for victims of domestic violence and their children. Any expended balance at the end of 2008 shall revert to the general fund. There is an emergency clause.

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FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of 1 million dollars (\$1,000,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

The appropriation is for FY07 and FY08. CYFD estimates 5 months (February-June) worth of the appropriation is for 2007 and 12 months for 2008. The bill has a pre-determined need and no evidence that the areas selected can utilize the funds based on current utilization rates.

None for the Public Defender Department.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to data from New Mexico Voices for Children's New Mexico Kids Count Data book: "New Mexico women, in every category of ethnicity and educational level, are more likely to experience domestic violence than American women in general. Violence harms all parties: victim, perpetrator and witness. Without adequate intervention, children who experience or witness violence often continue these destructive patterns into adulthood. In fact, 59% of adult victims and 70% of perpetrators of domestic violence in New Mexico report having been abused as children. Fifteen cases of domestic violence occur for every 1,000 residents. In 2004, 27,000 cases of domestic violence were reported to the police. However, research shows that only half of all victims actually report their abuse to the authorities. "

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD states that this bill, as written, would positively affect existing CYFD performance outcome measures concerning the "Percent of adult victims receiving domestic violence services who are living in a safer, more stable environment as measured by the Domestic Violence Assessment Tool" and "Percent of adult victims receiving domestic violence services who show improved client competencies in social living, coping and thinking skills as measured by the Domestic Violence Assessment Tool".

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Passage of this bill has a long-term administrative effect on CYFD by increasing contract generation and monitoring by CYFD. Passage of the bill will require additional resources and FTE.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to Senate Bill 94 "STATEWIDE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES"

Relates to GAA: The executive recommendation contains \$98.3 thousand for domestic violence programming oversight to fund 2 FTE.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill has a contradiction in that it asks to contract with programs statewide yet it identifies 10 programs in specific communities. As An emergency, this bill includes or addresses FY07.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

This bill pre-determines which communities should be contracted with and this works against procurement code.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

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