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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/2/07

SPONSOR Garcia, M.J. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Statewide Domestic Violence Education SB 457

ANALYST Lucero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
\$100.0	\$400.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB216, HB 378, HB423, HB620, SB83, SB94

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Public Defender Department (PDD)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 457 appropriates five hundred thousand (\$500,000) from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families for expenditure in fiscal years 2007 and 2008 for a New Mexico coalition against domestic violence to include training and education to member programs, communities, public schools and other agencies that identify or provide services to families dealing with the effects of domestic violence. The bill declares emergency for public peace, health and safety and that this act take effect immediately.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of five hundred thousand (\$500,000) 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 not part of Children Youth and Families Department's request and is not included in the Executive recommendation of Children Youth and Families Department

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill requires CYFD to contract with a New Mexico domestic violence coalition to include training and education but is not clear about what type of training and education is to be provided.

Violence prevention programs may increase the safety of schools, thereby increasing access to educational opportunities for children and youth and potentially impacting academic performance.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

It is not clear how the bill would affect CYFD's performance measures because the type of training and education is not specified.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If passed, the bill will have a minimal administrative impact on children, youth and families department that the bill does not address.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB216, HB 378, HB423, HB620, SB83, SB94.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

There are two domestic violence coalitions in New Mexico. The bill requires contracting with a New Mexico coalition against domestic violence. Because there are two coalitions, a request for proposal would need to be issued.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Public Defender Department supports legislation improving the overall operation of the criminal justice system, and prevents recidivism.

The Public Education Department provided the following data:

- Many of New Mexico's children and youths are victims of domestic violence (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- In 2004, there were more than 26,000 reported cases of domestic violence (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).

- Domestic violence does not discriminate; victims and perpetrators come from every ethnicity, class and age group (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Studies have shown that child abuse occurs in up to 70% of families that experience domestic violence (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- A 2003 study by Research and Polling done for the Children’s Cabinet showed that one of the greatest concerns of adults was how the impact of witnessing domestic violence harms a child for years to come, ruining their relationships and continuing the cycle of violence (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Children who witness domestic violence are more likely to fail in school and withdraw from society (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Domestic violence is often said to happen in a cycle (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Studies have shown that the most effective steps for reducing domestic violence are to hold the batterer accountable and to get effective treatment (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Victims of domestic violence often lack information, economic resources and a support network (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- The most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence is when he or she is trying to leave an abusive relationship (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- 24% of females from grades 9-12 seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months (New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS) 2003 Report of State Results).
- 12.5% of males ranging from grades 9-12 attempted suicide during the past 12 months (New Mexico YRRS 2003 Report of State Results).
- 16% of males ranging from grades 9-12 were either threatened or injured with a weapon during the past 12 months (New Mexico YRRS 2003 Report of State Results).
- 5% of females ranging from grades 9-12 carried a weapon during the past 30 days (New Mexico YRRS 2003 Report of State Results).

7% of females ranging from grades 9-12 were either threatened or injured with a weapon during the past 12 months (New Mexico YRRS 2003 Report of State Results).

ALTERNATIVES

None identified at this time.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB 457 does not pass, a New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence might not be funded to include training and education to member programs, communities, public schools and other agencies that identify or provide services to families dealing with the effects of domestic violence.

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