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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Correctional Facilities Library Materials SB 568

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From  
Public Defender Department (PDD)  
New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 568 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Education Bureau of the New Mexico Corrections Department for expenditure in FY08 for the purpose of purchasing from New Mexico-based publishers whenever possible self-help, motivational and leadership library materials.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 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.

NMCD states the appropriation in the proposed legislation would enable the Education Bureau to purchase materials in an amount or quality that it would not otherwise be able to purchase under the department's current budget.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

NMCD reports that such materials, if properly utilized by inmates, could result in lower recidivism rates and in inmates who are better motivated and better behaved while in prison.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

PDD states support for legislation that may result in a decrease in recidivism and improve the overall operation of the criminal justice system.

NMCD states the materials could help improve the Education Bureau's services to inmates, and could help the bureau reach and educate a larger number of inmates. NMCD reports inmates not in formal education classes could still utilize the materials and benefit from them.

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