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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/01/07

SPONSOR B. Sanchez LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Youth Programs in Bernalillo County SB 705

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Public Defender Department (PDD)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Appropriates \$50.0 from the General Fund in FY 2008 to conduct before and after school programs designed to address juvenile delinquency, domestic violence, and educational inadequacies.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Public Defender Department notes that before-school and after-school programs offer a healthy and positive alternative for juveniles. These programs keep kids safe, improve academic achievement and help relieve the stresses on today's working families. They can serve as important youth violence prevention and intervention strategies.

According to the Department of Health, evaluations of after-school programs show that when engaged in quality, long-term programs, youth in after-school programs have improved interpersonal skills, peer and adult relationships, self control, problem solving skills, cognition, self-efficacy, and they have a stronger commitment to schooling and academic achievement.

Judge John Romero of the Second Judicial District Children's Court believes that this program may decrease the number of children that end up in his court room charged with domestic violence crimes, as a program such as this will be a positive and useful resource to provide an alternative for children who might otherwise find themselves in situations that could lead them to make bad choices and then become a part of the justice system.

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