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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$50.0	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 405, Making an Appropriation for Emergence Services Training and Professional Development in Valencia County, appropriates \$50.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of a sex offender housing program in Bernalillo County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH notes that, Valencia County is a rural and suburban county that is served by a volunteer fire department, a private career EMS service, and career law enforcement services. The closest hospital facilities are in Albuquerque. Emergency medical service agencies, both private and public, have historically been underfunded in regards to training and operational costs. Funding to support emergency medical services in Valencia County is needed, but it is unclear how the appropriation would be distributed to the various fire, law and health services.

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