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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/08

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

SHORT TITLE Statewide Domestic Violence Services SB 155

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
0.0	\$3,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: SB68 “Increase Domestic Violence Penalties”, HB33 “Domestic Violence Treatment Fund Uses”, and HB227 “Domestic Abuse Procedure Changes”.

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 155 appropriates three million (\$3,000,000) from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in 2009 to contract with domestic violence programs statewide to provide shelter care, child and adolescent counseling, family counseling, and crisis intervention for victims of domestic violence and their children.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of three million (\$3,000,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

This bill is not part of the Department request or the Executive recommendation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In FY03 the total budget for domestic violence programs was five million one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$5,125,000) including three million seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$3,750,000) of general fund. In FY08, the total budget for domestic violence programs is twelve million eight hundred thirty thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,830,500) of which, nine million three hundred twenty four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$9,324,800) is state general fund.

Domestic violence is a significant problem in New Mexico as the following statistics illustrate (National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 2005)

- There were 26,940 domestic violence incidents reported to law enforcement in New Mexico in 2004, a rate of 15.3 per 1,000.
- 75 percent of the 17,793 victims of domestic violence identified in 2004 were female while 94 percent of the adult victims served by domestic violence service providers were female.
- 20,564 new clients sought services with domestic violence service providers in New Mexico in 2004.
- In 2004, 4,463 children were present at the scene of family violence episodes in New Mexico.
- 7,170 New Mexico children received services from domestic violence programs in 2004, a 35 percent increase over 2003.

Dating violence (having been hit by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past 12 months) was reported by 10 percent of New Mexico students (New Mexico Youth Risk & Resiliency Survey, 2005).

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation in this bill could 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”, “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”, “Percent of adult victims or survivors receiving domestic violence services who have an individualized safety plan”, and “Percent of domestic violence offenders who complete an abuser’s intervention program”.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This bill does not allocate additional resources for administration to develop, process, and monitor workflow related to this appropriation.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB68 “Increase Domestic Violence Penalties”, HB33 “Domestic Violence Treatment Fund

Uses”, and HB227 “Domestic Abuse Procedure Changes”.
Relates to appropriations in HB2

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE 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.”

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