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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 28 declares Friday, January 25, 2008, “Big Brothers Big Sisters Youth Mentoring Day” in the New Mexico State Senate.

The Memorial provides the following statements about the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs:

- More boys and girls in New Mexico than ever before grow up in circumstances that place them at severe risk of dropping out of school, youth crime and violence, drug and alcohol abuse and teen pregnancy.
- The Big Brothers Big Sisters mission is to bring caring adults into the lives of young people in order to prevent destructive behavior and instill positive values and life skills.
- Science-based research has shown that a young person who is matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister volunteer is:
 - forty-six percent less likely to start using illegal drugs;
 - twenty-seven percent less likely to start drinking;
 - fifty-two percent less likely to skip a day of school;
 - thirty-seven percent less likely to skip a class; and
 - less likely to engage in violence.
- The positive impact of Big Brothers Big Sisters has proved that one adult caring for one child is the most powerful force to keep young people in school, off drugs and alcohol and out of trouble with the law.
- New Mexico's Big Brothers Big Sisters programs and its school-based partners have grown twice as fast as the national average, increasing the number of youth matched with adults by nearly sixty percent; to three thousand one hundred big-little matches in the past year.
- With waiting lists for all of its programs and a torrent of requests from unserved counties in New Mexico, the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs in New Mexico are committed to bringing its life changing program to all children in the state, regardless of where they reside.

- The Memorial further resolves to recognize the invaluable contributions of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program by declaring Friday, January 25, 2008, “Big Brothers Big Sisters Youth Mentoring Day” in the New Mexico State Senate.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The non-profit Big Brothers Big Sisters program is the largest provider of one-to-one youth mentoring services in the United States. They have been bringing caring adults into the lives of the nation's children for nearly 100 years. The children served range in age from 6 to 18 years of age; and, 95% are from single parent households and 90% are from low income families.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Friday, January 25, 2008, will not be set aside in the he New Mexico State Senate in honor and recognition of the Big Brothers Big Sisters programs.

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