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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/26/12

SPONSOR Griego, P. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE At-Risk Youth Performing Arts Education SB 136

ANALYST Boerner

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
--	\$10.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 136 appropriates \$10,000 from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to provide performing arts education for at-risk youth in Santa Fe County in fiscal year 2013.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$10,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The DFA states that poor academic achievement is linked to a number of problem behaviors in youth, including violence, substance abuse, school drop-outs, and pregnancy, and that a significant body of research shows that arts education can improve academic achievement. Arts programming for youth is a promising strategy for helping at-risk youth avoid dangerous activities and involvement with the criminal justice system.

The DFA states that there is at least one non-profit organization in Santa Fe that provides performing arts programs for youth at risk of destructive behaviors. Such programs might include artist-in-residency programs in the schools, touring bilingual programs, and workshops designed to help teachers integrate performing arts into the classroom. Examples of programming themes include issues facing youth such as gangs and drugs and are intended to help youth develop skills to successfully navigate these dangers.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SB 136 appropriates funds to the Local Government Division at the Department of Finance and Administration. The Local Government Division would enter into a grant agreement with a local government, such as the City of Santa Fe, that would subsequently contract with a non-profit for these services.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

Status quo.

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