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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Candelaria ORIGINAL DATE 02/11/14  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Child Sexual Exploitation by Prostitution SB 315

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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Department of Health (DOH)

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 315 (SB 315) cites Section 30-6A-1 NMSA 1978 as the Sexual Exploitation of Children Act and makes hiring or offering to hire a child age 13 or younger for sex a first degree felony and hiring or offering to hire a child between the ages of 14 and 16 for sex a second degree felony.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Increasing penalties for criminal offenses often result in an increase in the number of trials requested. Increases in criminal trials increase the workload for the District Attorneys, the courts, and the Public Defender Department.

NMCD estimates that the bill will not increase its incarceration costs during the relevant three year period. That is, most if not all offenders convicted under this bill would still be serving their basic prison sentences regardless of whether they were convicted of a first degree felony (eighteen years) under the provisions of SB 315 or a second degree felony (fifteen years).

CJ/ds