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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Human Trafficking Awareness in Schools **SM** 118

ANALYST Liu

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Indeterminate				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HM 85

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 85 requests the New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG) to provide staff support to the New Mexico Human Trafficking Task Force (NMHTTF) and its subcommittee and the Public Education Department (PED) to encourage and inform school administrators about the necessity for human trafficking awareness programs. The memorial further requests NMHTTF to make recommendations to appropriate interim legislative committees about human trafficking awareness curricula and programs in middle schools and high schools.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The memorial does not make an appropriation but requests AGO to staff a federally-funded task force that is already established and supported by the agency. Costs for completing provisions of this memorial will depend on additional staffing needs for NMHTTF, given existing responsibilities of AGO relating to human trafficking cases. Additional costs may be incurred by PED in assisting the task force, with potential implementation costs over 5 years. At this time, the additional operating budget impacts are indeterminate.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMHTTF is a federally funded collaborative taskforce consisting of local, state, tribal, and

federal law enforcement agencies, prosecutorial agencies, and service providers from around the state. The sole purpose of NMHTTF is to implement a collaborative approach to combating all forms of human trafficking within New Mexico – sex trafficking and labor trafficking – of foreign nationals and U.S. citizens (of all sexes and ages). This multi-disciplinary task force focuses on a victim-centered approach to identify victims of all types of human trafficking, address the individualized needs of victims through quality services, and investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels.

Section 30-52-1 NMSA 1978 defines human trafficking as a person knowingly:

- 1) recruiting, soliciting, enticing, transporting or obtaining by any means another person with the intent or knowledge that force, fraud or coercion will be used to subject the person to labor, services or commercial sexual activity;
- 2) recruiting, soliciting, enticing, transporting or obtaining by any means a person under the age of eighteen years with the intent or knowledge that the person will be caused to engage in commercial sexual activity; or
- 3) benefiting, financially or by receiving anything of value, from the labor, services or commercial sexual activity of another person with the knowledge that force, fraud or coercion was used to obtain the labor, services or commercial sexual activity.

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH), 21 human trafficking cases were reported and 55 calls were made in New Mexico during 2018. Since 2007, 222 cases have been reported and 829 calls have been received relating to human trafficking. NHTH works closely with service providers, law enforcement, and other professionals in New Mexico to serve victims and survivors of trafficking, respond to human trafficking cases, and share information and resources.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The memorial requests NMHTTF to:

- review ways to incorporate human trafficking awareness into middle school and high school curricula,
- explore methods to introduce and support human trafficking awareness programs in middle schools and high schools,
- seek input from national experts and successful examples of programs, and
- present findings and recommendations to appropriate interim legislative committees by October 1, 2019.

The memorial further requests NMHTTF, with support from AGO and PED, to develop and present a strategic plan for providing statewide human trafficking awareness to middle schools and high schools to the Legislative Education Study Committee by January 1, 2020.

With assistance from PED, the strategic plan will include a:

- statement of purpose with goals, strategies, and timelines;
- plan to expand human trafficking awareness educational opportunities to all middle schools and high schools within 5 years;
- plan to develop standards and curriculum guidelines for middle schools and high schools;
- plan for high-quality professional learning for teachers;
- process for ongoing evaluation overseen by PED; and

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- method to incorporate principles of the plan while ensuring long-term sustainability.

DUPLICATION

This memorial duplicates House Memorial 85.

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