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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Gutierrez **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/09/09  
**LAST UPDATED** 02/10/09 **HB** 444

**SHORT TITLE** Dona Ana Teen Court **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** C. Sanchez

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
NA	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 444 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for FY 10 to fund the Dona Ana county teen court. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 10 shall revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill would appropriate \$20 thousand to the Administrative Office of the Courts and would increase the Court's budget.

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$293 million, or 2.6 percent, less than the FY09 appropriation. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Teen Courts work with youth in areas such as DWI prevention, substance abuse prevention and counseling. The program offers alternatives such as community service for youth that have committed misdemeanor crimes. Family involvement is encouraged.

This budget request is not contained in the judiciary's unified budget.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Although there are approximately 20 teen courts in New Mexico, there are currently no standard operating guidelines for running a teen court and no performance measures available by which to measure their performance.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The Dona Ana county teen court will not be funded.

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