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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Chavez, Eleanor LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 79

SHORT TITLE Study Penal System Reform SB _____

ANALYST Weber

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.1			Non- Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

It is essential that prisoners in New Mexico's penal system be prepared to reenter society as contributing citizens. Proper psychological rehabilitation and job training are necessary to prepare a prisoner for release. This is true for prisoners at both private and public prisons. A study is needed to look at these issues as well as others related to penal system reform.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico Legislative Council is requested to assign a study of penal system reform to the appropriate interim committee that includes:

- the psychological rehabilitation being given to prisoners before release,
- the job training and other career programs being offered to prisoners in New Mexico, including job placement programs for prisoners scheduled to be released,
- an examination of how probation and parole officers may assist with the employment of parolees, and
- how programs and opportunities for prisoners at private institutions differ from those offered prisoners at state-owned institutions;

The results of the study are to be submitted to the governor and to the second session of the forty-ninth legislature and that this memorial to the co-chairs of the New Mexico Legislative Council.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Any expenditure would be at the discretion of the committee working on the issues described in this memorial.

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