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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/5/09

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Statewide Domestic Violence Education SB 252

ANALYST Wilson

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
\$200.0		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	\$6.6				Recurring	General Fund

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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

Public Defender Department (PDD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 252 appropriates \$200,000 from the general fund to the PED for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 to contract with an alliance that does training and education in communities and public schools with and other agencies that identify and provide services to families dealing with the effects of domestic violence.

SB 252 has an emergency clause.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$200,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY 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 venue context.

PED will be required to develop and monitor a contract. This process takes approximately 200 hours of staff time (Educator Administrator-A @\$25.495/hour X 200 hours plus benefits (30%). Total cost is \$6,600.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Domestic violence is a significant problem in New Mexico as the following statistics illustrate:

- There were 26,940 domestic violence incidents reported to law enforcement in New Mexico in 2004, a rate of 15.3 per 1,000.
- 75% of the 17,793 victims of domestic violence identified in 2004 were female while 94% of the adult victims served by domestic violence service providers were female.
- 20,564 new clients sought services with domestic violence service providers in New Mexico in 2004.
- In 2004, 4,463 children were present at the scene of family violence episodes in New Mexico.
- 7,170 New Mexico children received services from domestic violence programs in 2004, a 35% increase over 2003.

Dating violence which is having been hit, slapped or physically hurt on purpose by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past 12 months was reported by 12.6% of New Mexico high school students

PED will administer and monitor the contract with an alliance for training and education in communities and public schools and other agencies that identify and provide services to families dealing with the effects of domestic violence and will be able to do this with existing staff.

Violence prevention programs may increase the safety of schools, thereby increasing access to educational opportunities for children and youth and potentially positively impacting academic performance.

PDD noted that public education reduces incidence of domestic violence, this bill will have a positive effect on the PDD's caseloads and work loads. Currently domestic violence cases consume a significant portion of the PDD's resources.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

PED suggests deleting the word "with" on page 1, Line 19.

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