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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Knauer	DATE TYPED:	1/28/00	HB	245
SHORT TITLE:	Sexually Aggressive Youth Treatment Programs				SB
					ANALYST: Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 500.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Children, Youth and Families Department

LFC Files

Department of Health did not respond

Criminal and Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council did not respond

Juvenile Parole Board did not respond

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill appropriates \$500.0 to provide intensive therapeutic treatment for sexually aggressive youth referred by legal services, law enforcement and social service agencies and to provide training, technical assistance and data collection at rape crisis centers in Taos, Farmington, Las Cruces, Albuquerque and Santa Fe.

Significant Issues

The Children, Youth and Families Department's Juvenile Justice Division currently administers a statewide sex offender program that already offers similar treatment services to those described in House Bill 245.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 245 appropriates \$500.0 in general fund in FY01 to the Department of Health.

The appropriation contained in the bill may be utilized to leverage federal Medicaid funds for qualifying services and individuals.

The Department of Health (DOH) administers youth sex offender programs and services for institutionalized clients in its facilities at Sequoyah in Albuquerque and at the Las Vegas Medical Center. The Department of Health does not provide rape crisis services.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The appropriation contained in the bill may be more appropriately directed to the Children, Youth and Families Department.

The bill does not specify if the services prescribed in the bill would be inpatient or outpatient.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Children, Youth and Families Department indicates it funds many community-based behavioral service providers who serve as both referral sources and, in some cases, treatment centers for sexually aggressive youth. If this bill was enacted, it would be essential to coordinate CYFD's currently existing funding and services with any programs or services DOH would initiate.

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