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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Godbey DATE TYPED: 02/14/01 HB 480
 SHORT TITLE: Amend Investigator & Polygrapher Act SB _____
 ANALYST: Valdes

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02			
	\$ (15.0)	\$ (15.0)	Recurring	Other State Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Regulation and Licensing Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 480 would add corrections officers employed by non-government employers to the list of those exempted from the provisions of the Private Investigators and Polygraphers Act. Additionally, the bill would allow the department to issue a private investigator or a private investigator manager license to an applicant licensed in another state which has similar or more stringent licensing requirements than New Mexico.

Significant Issues

According to the Regulation and Licensing Department, exempting correctional officers employed by non-governmental employers would decrease the liability of the state for incidences occurring at privately run correctional facilities.

The bill would also provide licensure recognition and reciprocity with other states by allowing the Board of Investigators and Polygraphers to license private investigators and private investigator managers from other states subject to other states having similar or more stringent licensing requirements than New Mexico. This practice is common in other states.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill would have a negative impact on the license application revenue which is a \$15 fee per applicant. It is estimated that the revenue loss would be in the range of \$15.0.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The passage of this bill would reduce the number of applications that must be processed and the number of licenses issued.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Board of Private Investigators and Polygraphers and administrative staff do not have the expertise to certify prison guards.

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