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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Picraux DATE TYPED: 2/1/02 HB 243

SHORT TITLE: Domestic Violence Shelters & Programs SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Dunbar

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
\$2,000.0				Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB49

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

#### Responses Received From

Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)  
 Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AOD's)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 243 appropriates \$2,000.0 from the general fund to CYFD for the purpose of contracting with domestic violence shelters and programs statewide to deliver services to victims of domestic violence and their families. The bill contains an emergency appropriation.

#### Significant Issues

The bill does not specify income eligibility criteria for receipt of services. This bill expands domestic violence services contracted for by CYFD.

Recent federal funding cuts affected almost all domestic violence shelters and programs around the state. The emergency appropriation would assist the shelters affected by the federal cuts this year.

The performance implications for the district attorney's offices are that victim advocates will once again have programs to refer domestic violence victims in their communities. Domestic violence

shelters work in conjunction with DAs Offices around the state to keep domestic violence victims/witnesses safe

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$2,000.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered funds remaining at the end of FY 03 revert to the general fund. This appropriation is not part of CYFD's request and is not included in the executive recommendation.

CYFD currently (FY 02) allocates \$3.25 million in state general fund and \$569.2 in federal categorical funds for domestic violence services. The recommendation for FY 03 is to continue funding these services through the general fund. The department funds 23 agencies to provide these services. In HSD there is \$1,700.0 million (FY 02) in TANF funds apportioned for domestic violence programs. The recommendation for FY 03 is to continue TANF funding of these services.

Approximately \$900.0 was lost in recent federal cuts this year.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD will be responsible for contracting and monitoring the service. The department did not report administrative implications.

### **DUPLICATION**

SB 49

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The Commission on the Status of Women reports that 19,500 NM wives are severely assaulted by their husbands or partners each year. It is estimated that alcohol is involved in 85% of domestic violence incidents in NM.

Domestic violence is considered a barrier to employment under TANF regulations. HSD recognizes that additional services and extended time frames are often needed so that TANF clients with domestic violence issues may make the full transition to employment.

Research from Town Hall meetings conducted by the NM Commission on the Status of Women in five NM communities established that the number one issue of women was violence. In NM approximately one-third of the female patients in the emergency room, at any one time, are there as a direct result of domestic violence.

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