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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Beam DATE TYPED: 2/6/02 HB HJM 15/aHGUAC

SHORT TITLE: Study Mandated County Expenses SB _____

ANALYST: J. Sandoval

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
		\$0.1 Indeterminate		Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

Responses Received From
Children, Youth and Families Department
Department of Health

No Response
The Department of Finance and Administration

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HGUAC Amendment

The House Governmental and Urban Affairs Committee Amendment establishes that the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) is to conduct the study. The amendment also adds the terms "jails" on page 2, line 13, is inaccurate. A more appropriate term may be "juvenile detention facilities."

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Memorial 15 establishes that an appropriate legislative committee is to study and review the mandate that New Mexico counties provide for expenses of certain state agencies. The LFC is to work with the New Mexico Association of Counties, district courts, district attorneys, juvenile jails, parole officers and the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop guidelines detail-

ing the respective financial responsibilities of the counties and the state regarding the mandate of the counties to provide maintenance expenses and adequate office space to certain state agencies.

Significant Issues.

The Children, Youth and Families Department manages juvenile probation and parole offices state-wide. There are no “juvenile probation jails” in New Mexico even where the office space for juvenile probation and parole officers in is close proximity to detention facilities.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Section 34-6-24 NMSA 1978 requires that each board of county commissioners provide adequate quarters for the operation of the district court, including juvenile probation services provide. These quarters are to include the necessary utilities and maintenance service for the operation and upkeep of district court facilities. From the funds of each judicial district, furniture, equipment, books and supplies are to be provided for the operation of each district court within the judicial district.

In most cases, counties support the Department of Health’s (DOH) local public health offices. The DOH believe that passage of this bill will may have a large impact on the department’s ability to perform it’s duties. Therefore, the DOH believes they should be included in the list of parties that will develop guidelines regarding financial responsibilities of the counties and the State.

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