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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Vaughn DATE TYPED: 2/06/03 HB HJM 28

SHORT TITLE: Study Sex Crimes and Child Victims SB _____

ANALYST: Maloy

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Children, Youth and Families Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 28 directs the Children, Youth and Families Department to establish a task force that will study the effectiveness of New Mexico's current sex crimes response system and to follow the recommendations of the 2002 committee report.

The task force will also identify ways to address the needs of victims, bring perpetrators to justice and minimize perpetrators' future danger to society.

The task force will report its progress to the interim health and human services committee no later than October 2003.

Significant Issues

The memorial states that an informal survey conducted among district attorneys, CYFD county office managers, guardians ad litem and court appointed special advocate volunteers demonstrated great disparity in understanding how to respond to allegations of child sexual abuse. This results in a fragmented response system.

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