

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (legis.state.nm.us). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Anderson DATE TYPED 2/11/05 HB 821

SHORT TITLE Second Judicial District Youth Programs SB _____

ANALYST Hanika-Ortiz

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General Fund

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 821 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the second judicial district court to operate the Say No to Abusing Power program (SNAP) and the Program to Empower Girls (PEG).

Significant Issues

AOC notes appropriation is for operations of the existing SNAP and PEG activity within the Second Judicial District.

In March 2002, the Second District Court Children’s Court established a violence prevention program called Say No to Abusing Power (SNAP). SNAP addresses family violence by helping young men in conflict with their parents. The program finds ways to intervene in violent behavior problems before adulthood. The program also provides support for mothers of the children with group and individual family counseling. One administrative assistant and two counselors with the Youth and Family Counseling Program staff the SNAP program on a volunteer basis.

The Second District Court started the Program for the Empowerment of Girls (PEG) in July, 2004. It is an intensive 16-week juvenile probation program serving girls with a history of violence, either as a victim, witness or offender. The program is administered through a team ap-

proach consisting of members on a volunteer basis, from Children's Court, Probation, the Public Defender's Office and the District Attorney's Office.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The district courts participate in performance-based budgeting, however the AOC reports it is unknown how this appropriation would impact that process.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

The AOC reports appropriation was not part of the judiciary's Unified Budget request; the programs have currently been staffed on a volunteer basis.

If AOC performance measures show program has success with helping youths identify behaviors that lead to violence, there may be a positive affect on the court and social services systems in New Mexico.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Second District Court would utilize the appropriation to contract a counselor, i.e. wilderness experience, curriculum materials, and telephone services.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

The two programs may not receiving the additional funding to expand their services.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

What AOC performance measures exist for SNAP and PEG in determining success of programs?

Does SNAP have support groups for the fathers of these children, or only the mothers?

AHO/lg