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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Balderas DATE TYPED 3/1/2005 HB HJM 92

SHORT TITLE Child Abuse Issues Study SB _____

ANALYST Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	Minimal				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
 NM Department of Corrections (NMDOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 92 requests a study on the effectiveness of laws requiring background checks and registration of child care providers. Additionally, the memorial requests recommendations for establishing a system for registering, tracking and managing convicted child abusers. The memorial charges CYFD, the Administrative Offices of the Courts, the Corrections Department and Department of Public Safety with conducting the study and developing recommendations for the appropriate interim legislative committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed study and recommendations would most likely require input from the courts and the Court Improvement Project could be called upon to assist with coordinating this endeavor. The Court Improvement Project (CIP), within the Administrative Office of the Courts, is a comprehensive effort to assess and improve judicial proceedings related to child abuse and neglect, foster care, and adoption.

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CYFD would complete the work described in the memorial with existing staff resources.

The bill would have minimal administrative impact on the NMDOC.

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