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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Leavell DATE TYPED 1/26/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE NM Sentencing Commission Workload Study SB 217

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
\$450.0				Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)  
 Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)  
 Public Defender Department (PDD)

#### No Response

New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 217 appropriates \$450.0 from the general fund to the New Mexico Sentencing Commission for the purpose to contract for a workload measurement study that analyzes and makes recommendations regarding equitable statewide resource needs of the Public Defender Department, district attorneys and state courts. The study is to be updated not less than every five years following the completion of the initial study.

The bill contains an emergency clause.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

AOC states the study will enhance the effectiveness and accuracy of the budget preparation and request process for the Public Defender Department, district attorneys and state courts. The study will assist legislators in assessing the resources needed by the New Mexico criminal justice system.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$450.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

The study is to be repeated every five years requiring future appropriations.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

PDD, AOC and AODA will be required to devote minimal administrative time to participate in the study.

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