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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Griego DATE TYPED 2/26/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Transportation for After-School Programs SB 873

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APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$85.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 873 appropriates \$85,000 from the general fund to Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to provide funds to San Miguel County for transporting children to after-school and summer youth programs.

Significant Issues

Last year, the City of Las Vegas started a summer recreation program where children from San Miguel County participate in recreational activities at a recreation center in Las Vegas during the summer. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack are served to the children and age appropriate activities are presented. County officials indicate that the recreation activities and meals are funded through City of Las Vegas' funds.

SB873 will finance a private bus company to pick up the children from their homes and drop them back off. The children arrive at the recreation center between 7 and 8 a.m. and are taken

home between 3 and 5 p.m. This program gives the children something constructive to do during summer days and diverts them from illegal activities. The program generally serves 100 children a day between the months of May and September.

PED was uncertain if the funds will be available to the school bus transportation departments or to offset the cost for providing the transportation to and from these after-school programs. The act does not clearly indicate if the summer youth programs will be held in school sites or on privately owned or other youth program sites.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$85,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA will enter into a grant agreement with San Miguel County and fund and monitor the agreement throughout the year. DFA has the expertise and the staff to administer this program.

PED indicated that existing personnel from the school bus transportation departments could be supported by this act through the funding in this bill to provide to-and-from transportation needed to ensure that children are transported safely and back home after a school program.

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