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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Sex Offender Registration Requirements SB _____

ANALYST Peery-Galon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Public Defender Department (PDD)
 New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)
 Public Education Department (PED)

No Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 New Mexico Municipal League
 New Mexico Association of Counties

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HJC Amendment

The House Judiciary Committee amendment to House Bill 476 adds language requiring a sex offender to provide written notice of a change in required registration information within 10 days to the county sheriff.

Synopsis of HCPAC Amendment

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee amendment to House Bill 476 adds the requirement that sex offenders provide their screen names in addition to their email addresses.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 476 amends Section 29-11A-4 NMSA 1978, the Sex Offender Registration and

Notification Act, to require sex offenders to provide the following additional information to the county sheriff upon registration: land line number, mobile phone number, pager number and e-mail address. The proposed legislation also removes gender specific language.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico Municipal League states the House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee amendment strengthens the proposed legislation and gives law enforcement officials an ability to monitor sex offender postings to such websites as “My Space” and “Facebook”.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed legislation will require the department to revise forms given to all sex offenders leaving prison or being placed on parole, so that the offenders know to provide this additional information to the county sheriff. NMCD reports the revising of the form will not be difficult.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The proposed legislation relates to Senate Bills 439, 450 and 464 which all address issues regarding sex offenders.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Section 9-3-10 NMSA 1978 created the sex offender management board within the New Mexico Sentencing Commission. The mission of the sex offender management board is to develop and recommend best practices in the management and treatment of both adult and juvenile sex offenders for the protection and prevention of current and future victims. The Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act provides for the identification and monitoring of convicted sex offenders in New Mexico communities. The sex offender management board monitors changes in federal law and recommends amendments as necessary to ensure that New Mexico remains in compliance.

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