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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/06/2007

SPONSOR King LAST UPDATED _____ HB 877

SHORT TITLE Torrance County Domestic Violence Prevention SB _____

ANALYST Lucero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB83, SB94, and SB457

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Defender Department (PDD)

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 877 appropriates one hundred thousand (\$100,000) from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in 2008 for a domestic violence prevention program in Torrance county.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

The appropriation in this bill not part of Children Youth and Families Department's request and is not included in the Executive recommendation of Children Youth and Families Department.

The Executive recommendation for Children, Youth and Families Department's operating budget contains \$98.3 for domestic violence programming oversight and 2 FTE.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to data from New Mexico Voices for Children's New Mexico Kids Count Data book: "New Mexico women, in every category of ethnicity and educational level, are more likely to experience domestic violence than American women in general. Violence harms all parties: victim, perpetrator and witness. Without adequate intervention, children who experience or witness violence often continue these destructive patterns into adulthood. In fact, 59% of adult victims and 70% of perpetrators of domestic violence in New Mexico report having been abused as children. Fifteen cases of domestic violence occur for every 1,000 residents. In 2004, 27,000 cases of domestic violence were reported to the police. However, research shows that only half of all victims actually report their abuse to the authorities. "

The Public Defender Department supports legislation improving the overall operation of the criminal justice system, and prevents recidivism.

The Public Education Department provided the following data:

- Many of New Mexico's children and youths are victims of domestic violence (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- In 2004, there were more than 26,000 reported cases of domestic violence (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Domestic violence does not discriminate; victims and perpetrators come from every ethnicity, class and age group (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Studies have shown that child abuse occurs in up to 70% of families that experience domestic violence (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- A 2003 study by Research and Polling done for the Children's Cabinet showed that one of the greatest concerns of adults was how the impact of witnessing domestic violence harms a child for years to come, ruining their relationships and continuing the cycle of violence (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Children who witness domestic violence are more likely to fail in school and withdraw from society (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Domestic violence is often said to happen in a cycle (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Studies have shown that the most effective steps for reducing domestic violence are to hold the batterer accountable and to get effective treatment (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- Victims of domestic violence often lack information, economic resources and a support network (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- The most dangerous time for a victim of domestic violence is when he or she is trying to leave an abusive relationship (<http://www.ltgovernor.state.nm.us>).
- 24% of females from grades 9-12 seriously considered attempting suicide during the past 12 months (New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS) 2003 Report of State Results).
- 12.5% of males ranging from grades 9-12 attempted suicide during the past 12 months (New Mexico YRRS 2003 Report of State Results).

- 16% of males ranging from grades 9-12 were either threatened or injured with a weapon during the past 12 months (New Mexico YRRS 2003 Report of State Results).
- 5% of females ranging from grades 9-12 carried a weapon during the past 30 days (New Mexico YRRS 2003 Report of State Results).
- 7% of females ranging from grades 9-12 were either threatened or injured with a weapon during the past 12 months (New Mexico YRRS 2003 Report of State Results).

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD states that this bill, as written, would positively affect existing CYFD performance outcome measures concerning the “Percent of adult victims receiving domestic violence services who are living in a safer, more stable environment as measured by the Domestic Violence Assessment Tool” and “Percent of adult victims receiving domestic violence services who show improved client competencies in social living, coping and thinking skills as measured by the Domestic Violence Assessment Tool”.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If passed, this bill may increase slightly the administrative costs of the agency which the bill does not address.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SB 83, SB 94, and SB 457

TECHNICAL ISSUES

CYFD allocates and administrates funding to domestic violence programs and is also responsible for monitoring contracts. CYFD will be required to conduct a competitive bid for the \$100,000 and monitor the contract. As per the procurement code any contract over thirty thousand dollars must be let through competitive procurement process.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Public Defender Department (PDD) supports legislation that may lead to the reduced recidivism of its clients. Early intervention might reduce the workload of the PDD.

ALTERNATIVES

None at this time.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo.

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