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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/07

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED 2/12/07 HB 930

SHORT TITLE Taos County Family Justice Center SB _____

ANALYST Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Eighth Judicial District Attorney

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 930, Making an Appropriation for the Taos County Family Justice Center, appropriates \$300 thousand from the GENERAL FUND to Eighth Judicial District Attorney for the purpose of operating the Taos county family justice center.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand 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.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Taos County Family Justice Center is a “one-stop” center for providing social service, victim advocacy, family issues and other services to victims of crime and their families. The center has historically been funded primarily by the Town of Taos and Taos County, while the district attorney takes the lead on providing centralized services for families in Taos County.

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The Eighth District Attorney's Office reports that while it helped get the family justice center off the ground, the intent is for the family justice center to function on its own. The Eighth District Attorney's office plans for the center to transition out of its office by the end of the fiscal year.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

What steps is the family justice center taking to function independently of the Eighth District Attorney's office?

What other funding sources (federal, local) are available to support the Taos County Family Justice Center?

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