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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/08

SPONSOR Sanchez, M. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Correctional Facility Library Materials SB 379

ANALYST Peery-Galon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Adult Parole Board

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 379 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Education Bureau of the New Mexico Corrections Department for self-help, motivational and leadership library materials what shall be purchased from New Mexico-based publishers whenever possible.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

NMCD states there is probably no or only minimal fiscal impact on the department. However, if the materials purchased pursuant to the bill result in lower recidivism rates for inmates who utilize the materials, it could slightly decrease the department's prison population and probation/parole caseloads.

Based on FY06 actual expenditures, the average annual cost to incarcerate an individual in a NMCD correctional facility is \$31,239, and the average annual cost of probation and parole/community corrections client is \$1,343.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Adult Parole Board states the proposed legislation sounds like it would be of benefit to NMCD by increasing resources and could be of benefit to the inmate population by encouraging self-help and motivation. Adult Parole Board notes the hope is that this will decrease recidivistic behavior and encourage reintegration.

NMCD states such material, if properly utilized by inmates, could result in lower recidivism rates and in inmates who are better motivated and better behaved while in prison. NMCD notes the appropriation would enable the Education Bureau to purchase materials in an amount or quality that it would not otherwise be able to purchase under its current budget.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

NMCD states the materials could help improve the Education Bureau's services to inmates, and could help the bureau reach and educate a larger number of inmates. Inmates not in formal education classes could still utilize the materials and benefit from them.

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