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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/14/11

SPONSOR Stewart LAST UPDATED _____ HM 21

SHORT TITLE Juvenile Justice Gender-Responsive Services SB _____

ANALYST Peery-Galon

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		*	*	*	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

*** Operating budget impact is minimal to moderate (See FISCAL IMPLICATIONS).**

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
 Human Services Department (HSD)
 Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
 Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

No Response Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 21 requests that the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee; Children, Youth and Families Department; and the members of the task force formed in response to House Memorial 40 of the Second Session of the Forty-Ninth Legislature implement the recommendations presented to the legislature in a report on a sustainable plan for the continuum of gender-responsive services and programs for girls in the juvenile justice system. The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee is to present a report to the appropriate interim legislative committee by September 2011 that sets forth the actions taken to implement the recommendations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

CYFD reported that the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee has limited appropriations and the committee must follow federal mandates to ensure federal funding to the state of New Mexico is not reduced. CYFD also noted that funding from the general fund has been reduced in prior legislative sessions.

CYFD reported it is not clear how the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee can achieve the complete implementation of the entire House Memorial 40 of the Second Session of the Forty-Ninth Legislature recommendations for the development of a continuum of gender-responsive services in a timely manner, statewide, without a legislative appropriation or other additional funding.

AOC stated there will be minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution and documentation of the recommendations of House Memorial 21, and possible travel costs associated with continued participation of the committee's work by Children's Court judges and other employee of the judiciary. The extent of the latter costs cannot be determined since the location or frequency of committee meetings is not known.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD reported the implementation of the recommendations for a continuum of gender-specific services that includes the prevention of at-risk youth from entering the juvenile justice system requires a multi-systemic effort by agencies, such as the Human Services Department, Public Education Department, Department of Health, CYFD and others. CYFD stated this cannot be accomplished by a single board partnering with the department.

CYFD noted the department and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee have made addressing gender-specific services a priority and have begun to leverage community partnerships and funding to implement and sustain best practice models for gender-responsive services and programs in the juvenile justice system. CYFD and the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee partner to address gender-specific needs as the resources are available and will continue to partner to develop the continuum of services needed in the state of New Mexico to address the unique and specific issues young women face. The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee requires through contracts, that providers use gender-responsive service delivery whenever possible.

Both CYFD and HSD noted that the implementation of a statewide gender-responsive juvenile justice services prevention, intervention and treatment services system will require a cultural shift for stakeholder and juvenile justice system professionals. Extensive training will be required to make this shift. Additionally, long-term data collection will be essential to gauge what is groundbreaking work and the data will require consistent analysis to measure performance and to provide feedback for quality program improvement.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD noted the development of a continuum of gender responsive services for youth at-risk of entering and youth who are involved in the juvenile justice system is consistent with the department's strategic plan for juvenile justice services which states that its major initiatives include individualized service plans addressing carefully assessed needs, strengths, and risks of youth.

HSD stated the memorial relates to the department's strategic plan, goal 4, to improve behavioral health.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD reported the department would have to absorb the work required through the memorial with existing resources.

HSD stated participation in the memorial will require an undetermined amount of HSD and Behavioral Health Service Division staff time.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Memorial 21 has a relationship with House Memorial 13 which calls for establishing a work group in the Behavioral Health Services Division of the Human Services Department to create gender-specific treatment standards for women and girls seeking substance abuse treatment.

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