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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Rehm **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/27/12  
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**SHORT TITLE** Bernalillo Bond Background Checks **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$159.8	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the Committee Substitute for House Bill 2 et. al.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 66 appropriates \$159,800 from the general fund to the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court (BCMC) for expenditure in fiscal year 2013 to hire staff to perform comprehensive background investigations of defendants posting bond at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court, Metropolitan Detention Center, or responding to criminal summonses at the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court will hire three full-time Background Investigators at an annual cost of \$159,800, and the appropriation is a recurring expense to the general fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The additional funding and staff will allow metro court to expand its background investigation efforts which will likely result in the court having more complete information which may impact bonding decisions. The additional funding would allow the court to perform more intensive background checks on more defendants.

**DUPLICATION**

The appropriation for BCMC contained in the committee substitute for house bill 2 et. al. includes sufficient funding to be used for enhanced background investigations. The appropriation meets the agency request for funding in the personal services and employee benefits category. The FY13 budget request of BCMC included \$159,800 in the personal services and employee benefits category in expansion funding for background investigations. The committee substitute for house bill 2 et. al. does not authorize the three expansion FTE positions requested by the agency.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Status quo

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