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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Tallman ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/2018  
 LAST UPDATED 2/5/2018 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Crime Victims Reparation Appropriation SB 202/aSPAC

ANALYST Edwards

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$75.0	\$75.0	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

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Relates to HB 2, HB 203, HB 205, SB 153, SB 188, SB 202.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee (SPAC) amendment to Senate Bill 202 adds a statewide coordinator to work with communities and address sexual violence in addition to creating child sexual abuse programs around the state.

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 202 appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to the Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) to create child sexual abuse programs throughout the state, but especially in underserved areas.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$75 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY19 shall revert to the general fund.

House Bill 2 contains \$750 thousand for sexual assault services to victims. Additionally, HB2 includes \$2.3 million in CVRC's budget for sexual assault service providers; these funds were previously administered by the Department of Health.

CVRC, while recognizing \$75 thousand would assist in the creation of new programs for children victimized by sexual abuse in FY19, expressed concerns that one-time funding would limit the commission's ability to continue expanded services in FY20 and future years.

CVRC also detailed the need for additional staff as a result of the bill, specifically .25 FTE to administer requests for proposals, proposal review, contract awards, program and fiscal monitoring, site visits and state wide collaborative meetings to ensure gaps in services are addressed. Additionally, funding would be necessary for the employee to travel to providers for audits and to provide technical assistance. Overall, CVRC estimates the impact on their operating budget to be \$75 thousand per year (assuming the intent of the bill is to continue services past FY19).

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

CVRC currently provides federal grant funding and state funding to governmental, non-profit agencies and tribal organizations who provide victim services, including sexual assault services. The agency has a long standing relationship with sexual assault services agencies statewide and with the NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs.

According to CVRC, some rural child abuse victims have to travel over 75 miles or more to receive specialized medical and/or counseling services. This hardship, on top of being sexually assaulted, creates an additional barrier to families during these difficult times.

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