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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Foley DATE TYPED: 3/04/03 HB 859

SHORT TITLE: Roswell Health and Mental Health Programs SB _____

ANALYST: Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$61.0			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 859 appropriates \$61.0 to support medical and mental health programs for needy children and families in the Roswell Independent Schools.

Significant Issues

In New Mexico, there are significant unmet needs for mental health services and medical services, primarily for people without health insurance coverage. House Bill 859 focuses on the service of children and families in a school environment in Roswell.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 859 appropriates \$61.0 to the State Department of Public Education to support medical and mental health programs from the general fund and is recurring.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The department of health indicates that even if the funds were redirected to the DOH , administrative oversight, training and technical assistance could be absorbed through current staffing.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 859 relates to House Bill 522 and Senate Bill 465.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The DOH indicates that House Bill 859 does not define the term “needy” nor the type of mental health or health care programs to be funded.

Roswell Independent Schools is currently funded by DOH for a school-based health center, and during the last four years has received \$121,910 to provide health and mental health care services.

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