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- According to general counsel at the Department of Public Safety, noncompliance with the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1965 does not jeopardize any of the state's federal funding or programs.
- Department of Public Safety (DPS) notes that this bill has the potential to deter routine police work. DPS is concerned that officers may be implicated for furthering illegal immigration during the course of routine police business.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

To the extent that New Mexico is currently using state and local law enforcement resources to assist the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws where no other violations of the law are involved, this bill may present a cost savings. If the state is to lose federal funding by virtue of the prohibition detailed in the bill, there could be a net loss.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Does nonparticipation in the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1965 jeopardize any federal funding/cooperation/assets?

Does the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1965 encompass programs unrelated to the enforcement of federal immigration laws?

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