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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Jennings DATE TYPED: 2/24/03 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE: Sheriffs with Advanced Certification SB 522

ANALYST: Wilson

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			See Narrative	Recurring	Local

### REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04			
	Minimal		Recurring	OSF

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From  
Department of Public Safety (DPS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 522 requires a county to pay, in addition to normal salary, a \$1500 training increment for each level of advanced certification a sheriff has been awarded by the Law Enforcement Academy.

#### Significant Issues

SB 522 could serve as an incentive for county sheriffs to participate in more training, and keep abreast of the state of the art in law enforcement. This will benefit the New Mexico citizens because they will have a more professional and better trained sheriff.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SB 522 could bring a small amount of additional revenue to the DPS Training & Recruiting Division, estimated at \$500.00 a year. There is a \$10.00 application fee for each different level of advanced certification. There are seven levels of advanced certification. However, there is only a total maximum population of 33 individuals, many of whom have some level of advanced certification at present.

It is not possible to know the current certification level of the 33 sheriffs, or the credentials of those elected in the future. Furthermore, it is not known how many sheriffs will chose to take the training courses.

The Law Enforcement Academy's advanced certification program is only open to certified New Mexico law enforcement officers. County Sheriffs are not required to be certified; in fact, there are a number of county sheriffs who are not. Therefore, some of the present county sheriffs would not be eligible for the additional salary.

DPS notes SB 522 could conceivably raise a county sheriff's salary by \$10,500 a year. To a small county, this would be a substantial increase to a payroll.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

SB 522 will not have any significant affect on the administrative operations for the DPS Training & Recruiting Division.

Smaller counties might have some difficulty providing law enforcement coverage while their sheriff takes training courses.

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