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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Stewart DATE TYPED 1/31/05 HB 232

SHORT TITLE Expanding Victims Rights Definition SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Wilson

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			Minimal		

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

Attorney General's Office (AGO)

Children, Youth & Families (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 232 expands the definition of "formally charged" to allow for the filing of a criminal complaint for a misdemeanor listed in Subsection B of NMSA 1978, Section 31-26-3, Victims of Crime Act.

#### Significant Issues

By expanding the filing of a criminal complaint for a misdemeanor listed in the Victims of Crime Act, it makes it clear that the Act applies to those misdemeanor crimes.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There might be a very minimal increase in prosecutions for the District Attorneys. Not all misdemeanor cases are prosecuted by the District Attorneys.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The existing staffs of the courts can handle the provisions of this bill with existing personnel.

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