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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Fox-Young DATE TYPED 2/28/05 HB 1068

SHORT TITLE Corrections Rehabilitation Program SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Hadwiger

### APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$200.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Corrections Department (DOC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1068 appropriates \$200,000 from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of supporting and expanding services by a corrections rehabilitation program with at least three years' experience providing both juveniles and adults a strong program of personal responsibility as the best way of life as a free citizen.

#### Significant Issues

According to DFA, this program provides juveniles and adults a second chance with their life values and is an alternative sentencing program that will keep individuals out of jail and would save the State of New Mexico money.

DOC indicated that programs funded through this appropriation might be used to create programs where probationers/parolees could receive treatment and counseling. Possibly the Corrections Department could work with the local governments in creating co-operative programs.

CYFD noted that the bill does not specify any program requirements for rehabilitation programs. The target population for this bill is also undefined. Rehabilitation programs for clients on probation, parole or discharged from a correctional facility are beneficial in assisting clients in their community. The bill does not specify communities where the program would be implemented.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill proposes services that would assist CYFD in achieving improved progress on performance measures relating to client re-adjudications and facility re-commitments.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$200,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Department of Finance and Administration, Local Government Division will administer this appropriation.

The New Mexico Sheriff & Police Association requests they act as the fiscal agent for this appropriation if granted.

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