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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cravens DATE TYPED 2-15-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Elementary School DWI Education Programs SB 357

ANALYST Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$2,000.0				General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 357 appropriates \$2,000,000 to expand DWI education programs in grades 4-12 and contract with programs or advocacy groups that provide an evidence-based curriculum.

Significant Issues

School districts receive Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools' federal funding that can be utilized to provide evidence-based DWI curriculum.

PED reports the following facts related to the impact of DWI:

- According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2003, 17,013 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes-an average of one almost every half-hour. These deaths constituted approximately 40 percent of the 42,642 total traffic fatalities.

- In 2003, there were a total of 439 traffic deaths in New Mexico, with 198 or 45% alcohol related.
- In New Mexico, 41.4% of high school students reported in the Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey that they had their first drink of alcohol at age 13 or younger and half of the students reported having at least one drink of alcohol in the previous month.
- 65% of 8th graders and 84% of 10th graders believe that alcohol is readily available to them for consumption.
- Almost 20% of 8th graders and 42 % of 10th graders have been drunk at least once.
- The total cost attributable to the consequences of underage drinking was more than \$53 billion per year in 1998 dollars.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

According to PED, Senate Bill 357 could assist schools in meeting a portion of the Health Education Content Standards.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 357 appropriates \$2,000,000 from the general fund and is recurring.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

PED would monitor the implementation of the program.

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