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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/10/06

SPONSOR Lujan, B. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 754

SHORT TITLE Substance & Child Abuse Prevention Training SB _____

ANALYST Lewis

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB396/SB575 (Substance & Child Abuse Prevention Programs in Las Vegas, Wagon Mound and Mora).

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 754 appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the Public Education Department for training in substance abuse and child abuse prevention and intervention strategies in the Pojoaque Valley School District.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

The Public Education Department (PED) notes that the executive recommendation provides \$50,000 for domestic violence programs in schools.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Public Education Department (PED), PED received \$47,500 during the 2005 legislative session for training in prevention and intervention strategies in substance and child abuse in Pojoaque Valley.

According to the Department of Health (DOH), the Pojoaque Valley Middle School currently receives substance abuse prevention services through a DOH contract with the Santa Fe Community College (SFCC) in the amount of \$148,187 for fiscal year 2006. SFCC conducts a nationally recognized Exemplary Program, “Connecting to Courage,” which helps develop life skills in youth 11-14 years of age.

DOH suggests that additional funds allocated for Pojoaque Valley School District substance and child abuse prevention training would need to be coordinated with existing programs and services. Currently, behavioral health services are provided as part of the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. The Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative is charged with overseeing all publicly funded behavioral health services. If HB 754 is enacted, the appropriation could be included in the funds administered by the Behavioral Health Collaborative.

PED reports that, according to the 2003 Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey (YRRS):

- 76% of New Mexico youth had a drink of alcohol.
- 51% reported that they had had a drink of alcohol during the previous 30 days.
- The number of adolescents who reported having had at least one drink of alcohol on school property doubled from 7% in 2001 to 14% in 2003.
- On a national level in 2003, 40% of U.S. high school students had used marijuana and 9% had used some form of cocaine in their lifetime.
- 29% reported that they used marijuana within the last 30 days.
- 7% reported that they used inhalants (glue, aerosol spray can contents, paints, etc.) within the last 30 days.

According to the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (<http://www.nmcadv.org>) and United Way of Central New Mexico (<http://www.uwcnm.org>):

- There were 4,463 children present at the scene of family violence episodes in 2004.
- 75% of children who witnessed domestic violence incidents were 11 years old and under.
- 34% of the children victim-witnesses were between 0-5 and 41% were age 6-11.
- 30% of children victim-witnesses as reported by domestic violence service providers experienced physical abuse and 5% experienced sexual abuse.
- Children suffer several types of abuse, all harmful to their physical and emotional development and all requiring intervention. National statistics in 1996 break down in the following percentages:
 - Neglect 5%
 - Physical Abuse 2%
 - Other 1%
 - Sexual Abuse 1%
 - Emotional Abuse 6%
 - Medical Neglect 3%

“Other” includes cases such as abandonment, congenital drug addiction, educational neglect and other situations endangering a child. Children may be the victims of more than one type of maltreatment.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

PED suggests that this appropriation might affect and positively impact school attendance and graduation rates for the Pojoaque Valley Schools.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

PED notes that it is the administrative agency for this bill, and estimates that it would take approximately 80 hours of technical assistance by an Education Administrator A ($\$25,495 \times 80 \text{ hrs} + 30\% \text{ Benefits} = \$2,651$). This can be done with existing staff.

QUESTIONS

Funds appropriated by HB396/SB575 (Substance & Child Abuse Prevention Programs) are intended to serve as matching funds for a federal grant to provide counseling services for substance abuse prevention and child abuse prevention in Las Vegas City Public Schools, Wagon Mound Public Schools and Mora Independent Schools. Might a similar federal grant be available for the Pojoaque Valley School District program as well?

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