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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/07

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SHORT TITLE SANTA FE COUNTY TEEN COURT SB 716

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$85.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 647

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 716 appropriates \$85.0 from the General Fund to DFA to increase residential capacity for a teen court program in Santa Fe County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$85.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Teen Court Program is administered by the Santa Fe County Health and Human Services Department. Alternative or Teen Court is where first time juvenile offenders are sentenced to community service, serving on jury duty, and an educational component to fit the crime. The court does not determine innocence or guilt. Teens are judged and sentenced by a teen jury.

The Court specializes in substance abuse prevention, shoplifting prevention, traffic cases, and other misdemeanors. After the teen accepts full responsibility, and successfully completes his or her sentence the charges or fines are dismissed. The program is for voluntary first time offenders, ages 12 to 17. The current program has a capacity of 125 active cases and a total of 375 per year.

The Teen Court Program in Santa Fe County receives funds from: (1) liquor excise taxes; (2) fees paid by convicted DWI offenders in local courts; and, (3) grants secured from the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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