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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Martinez, R. **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/31/08
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** 595
SHORT TITLE NM State Police Youth Academy **SB** _____
ANALYST Peery-Galon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$21.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

No Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department

Public Education Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 595 appropriates \$21.0 from the general fund to the Department of Public Safety for the New Mexico State Police youth academy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$21.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

DPS states the State Police routinely conducts Youth Police Academies around the state. The funding in the proposed legislation would assist with these local community events. DPS reports there is currently no funding for the academies, and usually the local State Police district offices operate with donations from private businesses or local government. DPS notes there is very little general fund money available to spend on these local programs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS states the State Police benefit greatly from youth academies. It helps foster relationships with the young people of local communities and law enforcement. DPS notes the experiences gained by the youth carry over to their families and friends. DPS reports the Youth Police Academies are very popular with the local communities.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DPS notes the State Police do not currently have one Youth Police Academy, or a single Youth Police Academy. Any district that has a Youth Police Academy has had it developed and managed by the local District Commander and staff. DPS state it is not clear whether the appropriation in the proposed legislation is intended for one local area, one program, or if the State Police may spend it statewide.

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