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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/08

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED _____ HB 632

SHORT TITLE San Miguel County Detention Center Drug and Alcohol Prevention SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 632, Making an Appropriation for a School Visits by Staff from the San Miguel County Detention Center for the Purpose of Discussing Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention, appropriates \$25.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of substance abuse programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH notes that New Mexico has one of the highest drug-related death rates in the nation, with a rate of some 17 deaths per 100,000 population for all types of illicit and prescription drugs. Nine of the 10 leading causes of death in New Mexico are at least partially caused by the abuse of alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs. San Miguel County has the third highest rate in the state of alcohol-related chronic liver disease (*New Mexico State Epidemiology Profile, Spring 2005*).

Use of methamphetamine is on the increase in San Miguel County as well as other counties in New Mexico. San Miguel County youth are above the state average for past 30-day marijuana use (5th by county), drinking and driving (15th), and binge drinking (17th) (*New Mexico SPF-SIG State Epidemiology Profile, Spring 2005*).

San Miguel County currently has at least three programs that address substance abuse treatment and prevention in their area. These programs are managed by the Somos Familias, Ayudantes Community Coalition, and the DWI Council. HB 632 targets school age youth for alcohol and substance abuse prevention. Youth leadership and development opportunities are an effective way to prevent negative health and social outcomes among youth. (*Preventing Problems, Promoting Development, Encouraging Engagement, 2003*).

HB 632 does not specify the specific schools, age or grade range of students, or specific type of prevention programming to be implemented.

DUPLICATION, CONFLICT, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

HB 632 relates to:

HB 358, which would appropriate funds for teen substance abuse and suicide prevention in Las Vegas.

HB 630, which would appropriate \$96 thousand for a substance abuse program in San Miguel County.

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