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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Barela **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/26/10
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** 77
SHORT TITLE Valencia County Anti-gang Activities **SB** _____
ANALYST Aubel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 77 appropriates \$25 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration for anti-gang activities in Valencia County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY11 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA provides the following background information:

Currently in Valencia County, several gang affiliations are operating. A Gang Task Force has been established which is composed of various law enforcement agency personnel (Valencia County, Los Lunas, and Bosque Farms); assistance from Bernalillo County is also provided. The Task Force is charged with identifying gang members and assuring they do not engage in gang related crimes. A large problem the Task Force is faced with is they do not know who these individuals are; a "new generation" of gang members has emerged.

NMCD maintains that reducing gang membership will lower crime in New Mexico while reducing the prison population and probation and parole caseloads. The agency also suggests that “anti-gang activities may also ultimately result in lower recidivism rates for paroling or discharging offenders who might be tempted to rejoin or join a gang without some sort of anti-gang intervention.”

While NMCD supports any statewide anti-gang legislation, the agency stated a preference for statewide anti-gang initiatives where possible.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Consideration should be given to include performance indicators to evaluate the impact of such programs

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Valencia County would not receive additional general fund for this purpose and may need to identify and seek other sources of funding for an anti-gang program.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

What is the scope and vision for the program?

Is it based on a successful program in place elsewhere?

Could the program be developed as a pilot program, tracked through robust performance metrics, and used across the state if successful?

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