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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/10

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Statewide Gang Activity Study Program SJM 20

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	NFI	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Dept. of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of bill

Senate Joint Memorial 20 requests the DPS to create a gang reduction, intervention and prevention program to consolidate and centralize statewide efforts and resources for the suppression of gang activity.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation or fiscal impact.

There are currently nationally recognized gang reduction curriculums available for a fraction of the cost required for DPS to develop one of their own. There is cost associated with the purchase of the curriculum and its' distribution. This would have an impact on the departments general fund budget.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The New Mexico Gang Task Force currently performs this function for NM. DPS has no oversight of it other than having a staff member sit on their board. The Gang Task Force is managed by a limited number of civilian members employed full-time. Law enforcement agencies direct gang prevention activities in their own respective areas and receive funding

through the JAG Program. Implementation of this memorial would duplicate these current efforts.

The national gang intelligence center estimates that there are six hundred eighty gangs with approximately thirteen thousand eight hundred members in NM. This means there are approximately five to seven gang members per one thousand residents, making NM one of the top five states per capita in gang membership in the nation. There are approximately four to six gang members per every law enforcement officer, which is the third highest ratio in the US. According to US Dept. of Justice statistics, fifty percent of all crimes committed in Bernalillo County are gang related. In March 2008, Crime State Rankings 2008 listed NM as the third most dangerous state in the country due to a large influx of gang members from other states.

ALTERNATIVES

In order to avoid duplication of efforts and resources, implementation of this memorial would require a transfer of FTE's and funding from the current Gang Task Force to DPS. In doing so, DPS would be better able to manage the efforts on a statewide basis, ultimately being directed and managed by the Chief of the New Mexico State Police.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Things will remain status quo and the New Mexico Gang Task Force will continue to serve in this role.

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