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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia, M.J. **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/18/10
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Child Abuse & Domestic Violence Task Force **SM** 55
ANALYST Peery-Galon

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$5.0-\$10.0		\$5.0-\$10.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
CYFD Website

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 55 urges the New Mexico Legislative Council dedicate itself to focusing on means of solving the domestic violence and child abuse crisis in New Mexico. The memorial urges the New Mexico Legislative Council to appoint a task force on stopping the violence that is the scourge of so many New Mexico homes. The task force is to include staff from the Children, Youth and Families Department and Department of Health; law enforcement; hospital or emergency room staff with experience in trauma treatment; a psychologist; a social worker; and governor's staff working on domestic violence issues. The task force is to report to the New Mexico Legislative Council by October 2010 on its recommendations for structures to put in place to minimize, stop and prevent domestic violence incidents and their impact.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be minimal administrative cost for members of the task force to cover participation on the task force.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Domestic violence programs in New Mexico are funded by general fund appropriations, federal funds, and the offender treatment fund. The federal funds derive from a Family Violence Prevention and Service Act grant. The funding assists in maintaining programs and projects to prevent family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance to victims of family violence and their dependents.

Children, Youth and Families Department’s Protective Services Program reports it “strives to enhance the safety, permanency and well-being of children and families in New Mexico.” Protective Services receives reports of alleged child maltreatment 24 hours a day, seven days a week through statewide central intake. Protective Services Program investigates reports of child maltreatment and intervenes to keep New Mexico’s children safe. The program provides foster care to approximately 2,500 children each day and works with families to enable parents to safely and appropriately care for their children. When that cannot be accomplished, Protective Services Program workers find safe, permanent families for children through adoption or permanent guardianship

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Children Youth and Families Department has the following performance measures regarding domestic violence and child abuse:

- Percent of adult victims or survivors receiving domestic violence services who have an individualized safety plan.
- Percent of domestic violence offenders who complete a batterer’s intervention program.
- Percent of adult victims or survivors receiving domestic violence services who are made aware of other available community services.
- Percent of children who are not the subject of substantiated maltreatment within six months of a prior determination.
- Percent of children who are not the subject of substantiated maltreatment while in foster care.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Memorial 55 has a relationship with the following proposed legislation:

- House Bill 17 – No domestic violence offenders as police.
- House Bill 154 – Enforcement of domestic violence protection.
- House Bill 199 – domestic violence orders for minors
- House Memorial 58 – Consequences of domestic violence conviction.
- Senate Bill 2 – Domestic violence “household member” defined.
- Senate Bill 26 – Create NM Domestic Violence Commission.
- Senate Bill 196 – Navajo Nation domestic violence victims.

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