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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/17/11
 LAST UPDATED 03/18/11 **HB** _____

SPONSOR Griego, P.

SHORT TITLE No College Credits Needed For State Police **SB** 476/aHJC

ANALYST Segura

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HJC Amendment

Senate Bill 476 was amended by House Judiciary Committee on March 16, 2011. The amendments reinstate the language deleted in the original bill in Section 29-2-6 NMSA 1978. The amendments keep the intent of the original bill by inserted the word “supplement” and striking the word “ remove” from the original proposal of the bill. It also provides additional language that would allow for years of credit, to include military or law enforcement service.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 476 would amend Chapter 29, Article 2NMSA 1978 to remove the requirement for college credits as a qualification to be a member of the New Mexico State Police.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to DPS, in addition to removing the 60 hour college credit requirement the bill would further remove the 30 hour requirement at the time of graduation from the academy, as long as the incumbent attained 60 hours within a time as determined by the Chief.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DPS supports Senate Bill 476. The New Mexico State Police has experienced significant recruitment and retention issues because of the current law.

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The New Mexico State Police will continue to experience problems with recruitment and retention.

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