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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Stefanics ORIGINAL DATE 2/20/17
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SHORT TITLE State Auditor Rape Kit Backlog Audit SB 351/aSPAC

ANALYST Romero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
\$0.0	\$250.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: SB 7

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Not Received From
 State Auditor (OSA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

This amendment allows the general fund appropriation to be used from fiscal year 2018 through fiscal year 2020. It also provides conforming changes, so any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 351 adds a new section of Chapter 30, Article 9 NMSA 1978 requiring the state auditor to perform a biennial audit of each law enforcement agency in the state. Each audit will show the number of untested samples collected, including the date each sample was collected and the date each sample was received by the agency.

\$250 thousand is appropriated from the general fund to the state auditor to perform an audit of untested samples. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2018 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill has an appropriation of \$250 thousand from the general fund. Any balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2018 shall revert to the general fund.

Continuing Appropriations language

This bill provides for continuing appropriations. The LFC has concerns with including continuing appropriation language in the statutory provisions, as earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.

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