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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Youngblood ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/2018
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 40

SHORT TITLE Training on Strangulation in Domestic Abuse SB _____

ANALYST Edwards

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the Attorney General (NMAG)

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 40 requires that all basic law enforcement academies include information on strangulation as part of each basic law enforcement training class.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) does not believe the bill will create any fiscal impact upon the department as the Law Enforcement Academy already trains officers on similar issues.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DPS states that “domestic abuse incident training is already a requirement in the curriculum of each basic law enforcement academy statewide. It is also required annually for advanced training for all officers. Specific information on strangulation is included in the content of the domestic abuse training provided at the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy, but is not a required element for the other academies. However, the required domestic abuse training already effectively prepares the officer to respond to domestic abuse incidents, including those in which strangulation is a factor.”

DPS also explained that “strangulation is one of many ways to inflict domestic violence, and therefore a subset topic of domestic violence crimes. While it is clear that officers must be prepared to respond to crime, amending the statute to address the specific types of violence that may occur during a crime is unnecessarily burdensome. A well-intended statute for training may also result in an imbalance of focus in the training. For example, strangulation can also be a component of violent acts outside of domestic violence.”

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DPS posits the bill would mandate additional reviews of curriculum to prove compliance, creating a minor administrative burden.

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