

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (www.nmlegis.gov). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/28/19

SPONSOR HLLC LAST UPDATED _____ HB 108/HLLCS

SHORT TITLE County Hospital Expenditure Reporting SB _____

ANALYST Hawker

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	No fiscal impact					

Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

No Response Received From

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (HSC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Local Government, Land Grants and Cultural Affairs Committee Substitute for House Bill 108 amends Section 27-5-4 NMSA 1978, deleting the definition of “county” from the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act.

HB 108/HLLCS requires a Class A county with a county hospital operated and maintained pursuant to a lease or operating agreement with a state education institution named in Article 12, Section 12 of the New Mexico Constitution to file an annual report on any funding it provides to that hospital, as well as a copy of any agreement or ordinance governing that funding. The report must be submitted by October 1 of each year, beginning in 2019, to the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC).

Similarly, by October 1 of each year, beginning in 2019, each such county hospital shall file an annual report with that county and with LFC on a form approved by LFC on any funding it receives from the county. The county hospital report must detail, both on a hospital-wide basis and by department, all expenditures and the actual settled cost of each expenditure of county

funding made for maintenance, operation and improvement of the county hospital, for financial assistance, for its bad debt or uncollected receivables, and for any other purpose.

The bill further specifies certain information to be provided when reporting on financial assistance, and requires the report also contain any other information LFC or the county requests.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No impact to the State is anticipated.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

“Financial assistance” is defined in HB 108/HLLCS to mean any assistance the county hospital provides to a patient to cover the full or partial cost of items or services the patient receives from the hospital when it has deemed the patient or the patient’s third party payer to be unable or unavailable to meet the full settled cost to the hospital of items or services that the hospital provides to the patient.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

There are five Class A counties in New Mexico: Bernalillo, Dona Ana, San Juan, Sandoval and Santa Fe, only Bernalillo has a county hospital operated and maintained pursuant to a lease with an educational institution named in Article 12, Section 11 of the Constitution of New Mexico.

VKH/gb