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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 1/31/19  
**LAST UPDATED** 2/21/19      **HB** 234/aHJC

**SPONSOR** Johnson

**SHORT TITLE** Public Service Officers & Detox Facilities      **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Chilton

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	No Fiscal Implications					

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Human Services Department (HSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HJC Amendment

The House Judiciary Committee amendment to House Bill 234 adds a definition of the term “public health service officer” as a “a civilian employee within a police department who is authorized by the police department to transport intoxicated or incapacitated persons to a treatment facility or detention center.”

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 234 would amend the Detoxification Reform Act (Section 43-2-2 NMSA 1978) to add to those authorized to request commitment of an alcohol- or drug-impaired facility to a detoxification facility. To the current list, which includes only physicians and police officers would be added “public service officers.”

“Public service officer” was not defined in the original bill, but the amendment adds the definition.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No identified fiscal impact.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

As noted by HSD before the amendment was made, “The current definition of an authorized person means a physician or police officer. Public service officer is added as an authorized person, but is not defined. The decision to determine commitment to a treatment facility is a serious one and should be made by capable officials with sufficient training. A definition of a public service officer is necessary to determine appropriateness as an authorized person under these circumstances.”

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