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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Sanchez,M **ORIGINAL DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** Continue to Study Youth Sports Commission **SM** 84

**ANALYST** Klundt

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 84 requests the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and the Department of Health (DOH) continue the working group established in response to SM 97 of the 2013 Legislative Session and continue to explore the feasibility of creating a youth sports commission to improve youth sports in all areas. The working group is requested to present its findings to the interim legislative health and human services committee by November 1, 2014.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation contained in this memorial. Both CYFD and DOH reported that any additional fiscal impact would be absorbed by existing resources.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH reported that youth sports participants, in addition to parents, volunteers, teachers, trainers and coaches, lack education regarding the significant impact of concussions, or the skills to recognize symptoms in themselves or others. According to an Ohio State University (OSU) study entitled "Concussions Among US High School and Collegiate Athletes" in the Journal of

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Athletic Training (2007), an estimated 300,000 sport-related concussions occur annually in the US, or approximately 5 concussions per day in New Mexico.

Another major issue is the lack of existing facilities for school related sporting events, as well as sufficient facilities for both varsity sport practice and intramural sport games. This is resulting in a growing competition among both public and private varsity level leagues, as well as intramural leagues, for the use of existing facilities.

Developing the capacity to offer a standardized, user friendly access to a means of reporting verbal, physical or sexual abuse of youth athletes by anyone in contact with them is very important. This is in addition to the importance of developing the capacity to offer a standardized and affordable criminal background check for any coach, trainer or volunteer involved with youth sports activities.

Many of New Mexico's young people participate in sports and athletic activities throughout the state; and there are many benefits for those young people involved, both physical and social. This memorial requires the task force to continue to look at the safety for those participants; and to provide guidance and recommendations regarding the concept and potential benefits of creating a youth sports commission in New Mexico. The group is charged with presenting its finding and recommendations to the interim legislative health and human services committee no later than November 1, 2014.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

This memorial relates to the DOH FY15 Result One: Improve Health Outcomes for the People of New Mexico.

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