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# APPROPRIATION\*

(dollars in thousands)

Appropri	ation	Recurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24	or Nonrecurring	
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

#### Sources of Information

LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

#### SUMMARY

## Synopsis of House Bill 167

House Bill 167 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to CYFD for programs that provide services to child crime victims in southeast New Mexico.

The effective date of this bill is July 1, 2023.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD said the bill does not define "child crime victims", so it is unclear if these are services provided to victims of crimes committed by children, or children who have been the victims of crimes. This analysis presumes that the appropriation is intended to serve children who have been the victims of crimes, but the language in the bill should be amended to clarify this

<sup>\*</sup>Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

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confusion.

There are three Child Advocacy Centers in southeast New Mexico: Chaves County CASA, Cavern City Child Advocacy Center, and Kids Inc. These three identified child advocacy centers receive a total of \$839 thousand from CYFD.

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