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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Taylor, J.P.	DATE TYPED:	01/26/01	HB	205
SHORT TITLE: Statewide Early Child		dhood Programs		SB	
			ANAL	YST:	Chabot

#### **APPROPRIATION**

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring	Fund
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02	or Non-Rec	Affected
	\$ 1,100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

#### SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$1,100.0 from the general fund to CYFD for the purpose of expanding the Aim High pilot project to forty-two additional programs eligible but unfunded due to lack of appropriations (\$600.0) and establishing an additional five to eight early childhood programs (\$500.0).

### Significant Issues

This bill would allow expansion of existing programs throughout the state. The Aim High program is designed to improve childcare by providing early childhood training and technical assistance to childcare providers. The program is based on a five-level system of quality improvement in the areas of administration, health and safety, environment, curriculum, and professional training. It provides increased reimbursement for state funded slots based upon the level attained. The program has considerable support from childcare providers and the appropriation would allow for expansion of the pilot program. In addition, the bill provides for establishing additional early childhood programs throughout the state.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Two output measures are proposed:

Number of childcare programs participating in aim high

Number of children enrolled in childcare programs participating in aim high

# FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD states they will need one full-time equivalent position and some funds for operating expenses to expand the program. The needed funds are not identified. Sufficient funds are included in the bill to meet this need.

# **DUPLICATION**

HB 24 would appropriate \$500.0 for expansion of childcare programs in rural areas.

## **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. How many childcare providers are waiting training and assistance so they can participate in the Aim High program?

2. What areas of the state have the most need for additional early childhood programs?

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