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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

 NSOR: Lopez DATE TYPED: 01/22/02 HB
SHORT TITLE: Restore Low-Income Child Care Assistance SB 85

ANALYST: Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
\$17,000.0				Recurring	General Fund

Duplicates HB 73

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received

Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 85 appropriates \$17,000.0 in general fund to CYFD to restore childcare assistance to low-income families whose income span is from 100% to 200% of the federal poverty level. The bill contains an emergency appropriation.

Significant Issues

The bill restores funding for childcare assistance to low-income families to a pre-August 1, 2001 level.

CYFD reports that they continue to provide childcare assistance prioritizing families exiting directly from the TANF roles, and then to income eligible families. The department further states that childcare block grant monies appropriated from the federal government have permitted a percentage of income eligible families whose income range is at 100% to 200% of poverty to be provided with childcare services that have been on the waiting list.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD notes that the bill impacts the CYFD output measure regarding the number of clients who receive childcare. This bill also impacts CYFD's performance measure for non-traditional hours of care. CYFD expresses concern that additional requirements imposed by the bill will affect the department's ability to meet current performance-based budget measures.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill appropriates \$17,000.0 in recurring general fund to CYFD for expenditure in fiscal years 2002 and 2003. Any unexpended and unencumbered balances remaining at the end of FY03 shall revert to the general fund. The bill contains an emergency clause.

This appropriation is not part of the CYFD's request and is not included in the executive recommendation

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The bill's appropriation allows for additional eligible low-income families to be funded for childcare assistance. Computer systems would require a reconfiguration to 200% of poverty level.

DUPLICATION

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POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How many families are on waiting lists for childcare services that have income listed at 100% to 200% of poverty?
2. How many families, since August 2001, have been provided service from federal childcare block grant funds that have income listed at 100% to 200% of poverty?

BD/ar