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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Jennings DATE TYPED: 02/12/02 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Information Directory for Infants SB 391

ANALYST: Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$150.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 391 appropriates \$150.0 from the general fund to DOH to develop and publish a directory of sources of information and services for infants.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY03 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DOH reports:

Currently there are many efforts to provide information on resources and services. These efforts are often specific to programs, populations, geographic areas, or funding sources. To be accurate, this information must be constantly updated, which is often a very time consuming and duplicative process. A statewide system of information and referral of all available services for

families that is coordinated with contributing agencies for compiling and updating could relieve some of the current duplication.

"Baby's First Wish" is a newsletter developed by the United States Department of Agriculture Extension Service and published in New Mexico by New Mexico State University. Its issues correspond to infant age and contain developmental information appropriate to infant growth and development. Currently, a subscription notice is sent out by DOH Vital Records with the birth certificate so that interested parents may enroll. Resources for distribution and printing of this newsletter are limited, and the funding proposed in SB 391 could expand current capacity in a positive way, if the funding was also combined with outreach to recruit participants and to obtain accurate information regarding information and services for infants and their families.

True cost of a resource directory includes development, publishing, distribution, mapping existing services and updating. The CYFD web site, www.newmexicokids.org, and the DOH Home Visiting Directory are two examples of attempts to provide statewide information. The DOH, Public Health Division, Child Health Program is currently finalizing a contract for FY02 to begin a statewide inventory of resources serving children 0-24. \$150,000 would allow for continued and expanded effort in FY03.

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