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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Taylor, J.G.      DATE TYPED: 2/14/03      HB 246/aHEC

SHORT TITLE: CYFD Truancy Prevention Program      SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Chabot

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$1,000.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)  
 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)  
 Department of Labor (DOL)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HEC Amendment

The House Education Committee amendment adds in-kind contributions that can be used as a match for a grant, changes the term “abuse” to “neglect” for parents who keep their children out of school and changes CYFD’s reporting requirements. In place of the original reporting requirements, CYFD will report on a fiscal year basis to the Governor, the interim Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and the Legislative Education Study Committee not later than August each year. The amendment changes one of the eligible community-based agencies from a “local juvenile authority” to a “juvenile probation and parole office” of CYFD. It also adds a seventh eligible agency entitled “a non-profit community-based service provider”.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 246 appropriates \$1,000.0 from the general fund to CYFD for the purpose of establishing and implementing a truancy prevention program by issuing grants to community-based

truancy agencies. Community-based agencies are defined as a municipality or county; school district; local law enforcement agency; district, magistrate or municipal court; district or city attorney; local juvenile authority; or a consortium of two or more these agencies. Grants of award will not exceed \$50.0 and require an equal matching amount from the community-based truancy agency. CYFD is to promulgate rules concerning application requirements meet the criteria outlined in the bill. CYFD will report to the Governor and Legislature annually on the truancy prevention program.

Significant Issues

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$1,000.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD will have to develop rules and regulations to implement the program. Criteria for evaluating an application will have be clearly established. The agency may want to choose a board to make recommendations on awards to community-based truancy programs. CYFD is unsure if they can use a portion of the appropriation to hire staff and pay expenses related to the program.

AOC suggests that there will be new administrative requirements as a result of the program.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The reporting requirement does not contain specifics. Recommend striking page 2, lines 24-25 and inserting with the following:

D. The department shall report on the truancy prevention program on a fiscal year basis to the governor, the interim legislative health and human services committee and legislative education study committee not later than August each year.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Is CYFD authorized additional FTE to administer this program?
2. How will success be measured?
3. Can state funds be used to match the grant or does the funding have to come from the local level?

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