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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Feldman DATE TYPED 2/28/2005 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE CYFD Early Birthday Preschool Program SB 466/aSEC

ANALYST Dunbar

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SEC Amendment

Senate Education Committee amendment to Senate Bill 466 specifies the funding for a program in the north valley of Albuquerque. Reference is made to “technical issues” below.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 466 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2006 for a preschool program for children with early birthdays and minimal or no preschool experience.

#### Significant Issues

Last year a program was funded in the North Valley schools that had a positive impact on all children who attended. The number of special education referrals decreased for this at-risk group. The program was funded with federal tax relief dollars of \$40 thousand. The purpose of program was to prepare children for kindergarten.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD would absorb contract administration associated with enacting the bill using existing resources.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The appropriation is sufficient to fund a single, small preschool program. The bill does not specify where in the state the program is to be located.

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