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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/8/06

SPONSOR Salazar LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 695

SHORT TITLE Nick Salazar Early Childhood Center SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Earp

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$40.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Children, Youth & Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 695 appropriates \$40,000 from the general fund to HED for additional staff at the Nick Salazar Early Childhood Center at Luna Community College (LCC).

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$40,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

Information provided through HED indicates that there has been a waiting list of 8-10 students at the LCC program since August 2005. The goal for these funds is to expand capacity to serve between 40-45 students by hiring at least two teachers, one fully certified, and one working towards certification. There are currently two full-time teachers, one vacant part-time position, and four work study students. Remaining funds are intended to expand the preschool to a third room and purchase the necessary furniture and supplies

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This proposal was not included among the special program funding requests submitted by LCC to the Higher Education Department (HED) for review. Consequently, this proposal has not been included in the HED fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

HED would receive the appropriation and then transfer it to Luna Community College which would be responsible for hiring the additional early childhood center staff. See Technical Issues below.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

This appropriation could be made directly to Luna Community College, which would eliminate the necessity of routing the funds through HED.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

CYFD reports that the Luna Community College Early Childhood Center is currently licensed through the Child Care Services Bureau (District II Child Care Licensing). Their total capacity is 30 children. Seven children who attend the Early Childhood Center are receiving child care assistance subsidies through CYFD.

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