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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/07
 LAST UPDATED 3/13/07 HB _____

SPONSOR Garcia, M.J.

SHORT TITLE Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Programs SB 233/aSPAC

ANALYST Lucero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$750.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

Senate Public Affairs Committee amendment to Senate Bill 233 adds new language to specify that the appropriation is “for the children’s trust fund.”

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 233 appropriates seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 to broaden and fund programs to prevent child abuse and neglect.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of seven hundred fifty thousand (\$750,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

This appropriation is not part of CYFD's request and is not included in the Executive recommendation for CYFD.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The amendment serves to clarify and specify the intent of the proposed funding, and to limit the use of the proposed funding to the specific purpose and activities of the Children's Trust Fund.

New Mexico Children's Trust Fund (CTF) is a trust established to fund innovative child abuse and neglect prevention programs. These funds are administered by a Board of Director's. CTF is housed at CYFD, and the trust and agency work jointly to promote prevention of child abuse and neglect.

The bill provides no information about the specific programs or targets that the appropriation seeks to broaden.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The bill may assist CYFD in addressing the General Appropriations Act performance measure concerning the percentage of children experiencing repeat maltreatment within six months.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If passed, the bill will have a minimal administrative impact on children, youth and families department that the bill does not address.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo.

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