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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/07

SPONSOR McSorley LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Family Leadership in Policy Development SB 349

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY07 | FY08 | | |
| | \$950.0 | recurring | general fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)
 Children, Youth & Families Department (CYFD)
 Health Policy Commission (HPC)
 Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 349 appropriates \$950,000 from the general fund to DOH to strengthen family leadership in policy development and create effective ways for families to have a voice in policy decisions that affect them. The funds will be used to collect information from families, develop statewide collaboration and communication among programs committed to family involvement efforts, educate family leaders for advocacy, develop a formal mechanism to get input on policies that affect families and develop public awareness about issues and barriers for families raising young children in New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$950,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund. The appropriation request in SB 349 is not included in the Executive Budget Request for FY08.

DOH reports the administrative cost to DOH to administer the program is estimated at \$114,000. The appropriation requested will be used for 1 FTE (Line Manager at \$58,981) plus approximately \$10,000 in start-up costs and administrative support and \$45,000 for materials, travel, and supplies.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH shows that the strategy of having families provide input into state policy and state programs serving families is a successful process. Family involvement and programs supporting the ability of parents to cope with the demands of parenting are critical to the process of attaining higher performance ratings in elementary and secondary schools.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The bill supports a systems approach of gathering and collecting of data from statewide agency programs committed to family involvement thus creating a formal mechanism for soliciting input on policies that affect families, but does not specify which other state agencies will be involved.

CYFD suggests that families outside of those served by DOH programs should also be considered for Head Start and Early Head Start programs, Parents As Teachers programs, home visiting programs, 619 (IDEA Part B) programs from PED; K-12 special education, etc.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HM 3, Creating the Young Children and Family Continuum Group, Family and Youth Resource Act

Relates to HB2, and the Executive recommendation of \$1 million for parental training and involvement.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

HPC reports that the New Mexico State University's Departments of Extension Home Economics and Family & Consumer Sciences's "Family Impact Seminar" provides the following statistics related to New Mexico families:

On average, out of a population of 1,841,441 (2001 census estimate):

- There are 25 divorces per day (2001)
- There are 74 births per day which includes (2001):
 - 3 out of 20 to teen mothers (2001)
 - 2 out of 5 to single mothers (2001)
 - 2 out of 25 with low birth weight (2001)
- The per capita income is \$23,155 (2000)
- New Mexico ranked highest in poverty of the 50 states (2000) with 1 out of 4 children and 1 out of 5 persons below poverty

Among the 50 states and the District of Columbia, New Mexico has been ranked:

- **51st** for women getting prenatal care in their first trimester (data: 2002)
- **4th** highest for teen birth rate (data: 2002)

- **5th** highest in violent crime offenses rate (data: 2002)
- **6th** highest (with another state) for occupational fatality rate (2002)
- **6th** highest (with another state) for diabetes death rate (data: 2001)
- **8th** highest (with another state) in death rate due to firearms (data: 2001)
- **11th** highest (with 2 other states) for motor vehicle death rate (data: (2003)
- **18th** highest (with 7 other states) in percent of adults reporting no physical activity (data: 2001)
- **22nd** highest for percent of adults reporting poor mental health during the past 30 days (data: 2003)

The bill supports PED's underlying philosophy that parents are our children's first teachers and parent/school involvement is critical to the success of the child.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Funding may not be available to strengthen family leadership in policy development and create effective ways for families to have a voice in policy decisions that affect them.

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