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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/08

SPONSOR Taylor LAST UPDATED _____ HB 291

SHORT TITLE Farmington Education and Sports Programs SB _____

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 291, Making an Appropriation for Education and Sports Programs in Farmington, appropriates \$50.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA to provide education and sports programs for the Farmington parks and recreation department.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED notes that:

- Obesity has become a major public health issue in the United States with more than 9 million children and adolescents (17%) now considered overweight (Robert Wood Johnson, 2007).
- Scientists have found that vigorous exercise can cause older nerve cells to form dense, interconnected webs that make the brain run faster and more efficiently. There are clues

that physical activity can stave off the beginnings of Alzheimer's disease, ADHD and other cognitive disorders. Regardless of age, a strong, active body is crucial for building a strong, active mind (Newsweek, 2007).

- Increasing physical activity will increase levels of physical fitness, and higher levels of physical fitness are associated with improved academic performance (Action for Healthy Kids, 2004).
- Fewer than 25% of American children get at least 30 minutes of any type of physical activity everyday (Action for Healthy Kids, 2003).
- Increased participation in sport activities may increase attendance rates.

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