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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-29-08

SPONSOR McCoy LAST UPDATED 2/4/08 HB 396/aHCPAC

SHORT TITLE Programs for Single Teen Mothers SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation |         | Recurring<br>or Non-Rec | Fund<br>Affected |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY08          | FY09    |                         |                  |
|               | \$200.0 | General Fund            | General Fund     |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB 475 “Valencia County Teen Pregnancy Outreach,” HB 76 “Otero County Teen Pregnancy,” and SB 185 “Statewide Teen Pregnancy Prevention.”

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 HCPAC Amendment

House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee amendment to HB 396 strikes on page 1, line 16 the word “for” and inserts in lieu thereof “local government division of the department of finance and administration” and on page 1, line 17 after the word “2009” insert “for Bernalillo county”.

The bill as amended resolves the technical issue raised in the original bill. The amendment also clarifies that the appropriation is limited to programs in Bernalillo county.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 396 appropriates two hundred thousand (\$200,000) from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in FY09 for case management, therapy, educational and vocation mentoring, and training in life, parenting skills, and in early childhood development for single teen mothers and their babies in a residential home.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

The appropriation in this bill is not part of the CYFD request or executive recommendation.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

While the number of pregnancies among adolescents within New Mexico has decreased slightly, the birth rate in 2005 among girls aged 15-19 years was 60.7 percent, totaling 4,483 births.

The negative implications of teen pregnancy on teens and other residents in the State are substantial, including serious social and economic problems. To support teen parents, CYFD currently contracts with eight agencies, located in Albuquerque, Clovis, Farmington, Grants, Las Cruces, Roswell, Santa Fe, and Taos, to provide case management and residential care. Three of the contractors provide both case management services and residential services, while the other five contractors only provide case management services. All of the programs are community-based and support the coordinated delivery of services provided by local public and private organizations.

Collaborative efforts to strengthen the provision of family resources and support for teen parents involves numerous agencies and organizations working in conjunction with CYFD and the Department of Health. The teen parent services provided by CYFD work closely with and complement the teen pregnancy prevention programs provided through DOH. Overall, the reduction of teen pregnancy and the prevention and reduction of child abuse and child neglect among teen parents are issues demanding change and continued support within New Mexico. CYFD programs focus on providing community-based services seeking to reduce the number of repeat pregnancies for teen mothers, helps clients complete high school or GED education, help clients acquire job skills and develop life skills necessary to become self-sufficient, and acquire additional parenting skills aimed at lessening the incidence of child abuse and neglect.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

CYFD's mission focuses on providing services to vulnerable populations such as teen mothers and their children. This bill is consistent with that mission.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Administrative services related to the development and monitoring of contract services would be provided from existing CYFD resources.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

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**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

CYFD currently administers a home visiting program targeted to first time parents. The home visiting program is an evidence based program, with strong medical community support, rigorous staffing requirements, and clinical training protocols. The home visiting program is achieving positive results in reducing the number of subsequent pregnancies and improving outcomes for mothers by providing intensive case management/home visiting support. It is unclear if the sponsor of this bill intends for the appropriation contained in this bill to be incorporated with CYFD's existing home visiting program or if the appropriation is intended for another program.

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