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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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| | ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/08 | | |
| SPONSOR Barry | LAST UPDATED 2/1/08 | HB | 475/aHCPAC |
| | Educational Outreach and Teenage Pregnancy | | |
| SHORT TITLE | Prevention in Valencia County | SB | |
| | | ANALYST | Propst |

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY08 | FY09 | | |
| | \$100.0 | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Amendment

On page 1, lines 16, 17 and 18, strike “local government division of the department of finance and administration” and insert in lieu thereof “department of health”.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 475, makes an Appropriation for Educational Outreach and Prevention of Teenage Pregnancy in Valencia County, appropriates \$100.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of teenage pregnancy prevention

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 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

DOH notes New Mexico teen birth rates decreased by 19.5% from 1998 to 2006, while the U.S. teen birth rates decreased by 26.4%. In 2005, the New Mexico teen birth rate for 15-17 year olds was 35.7 per 1,000 females, a rate 1.6 times higher than the national teen birth rate of 22 per 1,000 (*National Vital Statistics Report, 2005*).

In 2005, the birth rate for 15-17 year olds in Valencia County was 30.2 per 1,000 (54 births) or 3% of the State's total births (*NM Selected Health Statistics, Annual Report, 2005*). Average birth rates for 15-17 year olds have decreased by 10.4% (2003-2005) in Valencia County. There are 1,787 female teens aged 15-17 years in Valencia County (2005 UNM/BBER).

DOH funds a number of evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention education programs focusing on comprehensive sex education, service learning, after-school activities and peer and parent education. Comprehensive sex education teaches about abstinence as the best method for avoiding Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) and unintended pregnancy, but also teaches about condoms and contraception. This approach encourages building interpersonal and communication skills and helps young people explore their own values, goals, and options, in order to make responsible decisions about their sexuality and reproductive health. DOH is already funding a Teen Outreach Program for pregnancy prevention in Valencia County for FY08 that provides education for 50 middle school-aged youth from Los Lunas and Manzano Vista Middle Schools.

DUPLICATION, CONFLICT, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

HB 475 relates to:

HB 331, which would appropriate \$25 thousand from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for FY09 for the provision of outreach activities for education about and prevention of teen pregnancy in coordination with existing youth services programs in Valencia County.

HB 76, which proposes to appropriate \$100 thousand from the general fund to DOH for FY09 to develop a teen pregnancy prevention program in Otero County.

SB 185, which proposes to appropriate \$500 thousand from the general fund to CYFD for FY09 to develop and implement a statewide teen pregnancy prevention program.

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