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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Griego, E. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Unintended Pregnancy Advisory Panel SJM 3

ANALYST Hanika-Ortiz

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$5.0 - \$50.0			Nonrecurring	Various

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)
 Higher Education Department (HED)
 Department of Health (DOH)
 Health Policy Commission (HPC)
 Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 3 requests that HPC, HSD, DOH and other organizations form an advisory panel to address the issue of unintended pregnancy and offer policy recommendations to reduce the numbers of unplanned pregnancies in New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Members of the panel who are not paid by taxpayer funds may be able to receive per diem and mileage expenses pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act.

HPC notes that it is named as the lead agency to convene the advisory panel, and has limited staff and resources.

State agencies with expertise in this area report that the negative social consequences of unintended and teen pregnancies are well documented.

State agencies also report that the economic cost to taxpayers and the financial strain on families of unplanned pregnancies is much higher in New Mexico than in other parts of the nation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The advisory panel will be tasked with developing a comprehensive plan based on evidence- and science-based solutions to reduce the number of unintentional pregnancies in New Mexico.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The advisory panel will make an interim report and final report of its findings by October 1, 2010.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Participating state agencies report the need to attend meetings, conduct research of best practices and produce reports with limited staff and resources.

DOH, HSD and CYFD reported on various service programs dedicated to the prevention of teen pregnancy and departmental strategies for reducing negative health outcomes.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

PED was not included in the names of state agencies being requested to participate in the advisory panel.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

PED provided the following statistics:

- National and local reports indicate the New Mexico birth rate for teen mothers is among the highest in the nation.
- Teen mothers are more likely to be single parents.
- The number of teen mothers having babies affects the poverty rate in New Mexico.
- Poverty rates are twice as high among women who had their first child as teenagers.
- Forty-five percent of Hispanic women who had their first child as teenagers are raising their children in poverty.
- Approximately 48% of New Mexico teenagers who live with their minor children live in poverty.
- Two-thirds of teen mothers do not receive a high school diploma and only one-half percent have a college degree by the age of 30.
- New Mexico teen birth rates for 15-17 year olds decreased by 28% from 1991 to 2006, while US teen birth rates decreased by 43%.
- In 2006, the New Mexico teen birth rate for 15-17 year olds was 34.3 per 1,000 females, a rate 1.5 times higher than the national teen birth rate of 22 per 1,000. The New Mexico teen birth rate for 15-17 year olds has been decreasing slowly, from 36.3 in 2002 to 34.3 in 2006.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

New Mexico's state agencies with expertise in this area will continue to be responsible for leading the state's efforts in addressing unintended pregnancies.

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