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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/02/12

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SHORT TITLE Eliminate Child Development Office & Board SB 187

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### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY12	FY13	FY14	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI	NFI			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 187 eliminates the Office of Child Development in the Children, Youth and Families Department and the Child Development Board. The bill further amends the statute to place the responsibility for preschool programs under the control of the CYFD directly as a department rather than tying it specifically to any one office or division within the CYFD.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to the CYFD, this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the agency.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Children, Youth and Families Department, the passage of the Early Childhood Care and Education Act (NMSA § 32A-23A) in 2011 created the governor-appointed Early Learning Advisory Council and gives CYFD comprehensive responsibility for the establishment of a high-quality coordinated early childhood learning system. This Act renders the Office of Child Development and Child Development Board, established in 1989, no longer relevant, as

the Early Childhood Care and Education Act of 2011 and the work of the Early Learning Advisory Council are much broader in scope and more relevant to the needs of the early childhood system today than the Office and Board as originally established.

The CYFD further states that it is committed to maintaining the Office of Child Development within the Early Childhood Services Division even if the office is not statutorily mandated. The department also expects the office's role to expand in upcoming years.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The CYFD adds that Senate Bill 187 removes the potential for conflict and/or duplication of duties and responsibilities between the 2011 Early Childhood Care and Education Act and the 1989 statute creating the Office of Child Development and Child Development Board.

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