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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/24/13

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Prevent Births Among Adolescents SB 45

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 45 (SB45) appropriates \$500 thousand in general fund revenue in FY14 to the Department of Health (DOH) to implement statewide comprehensive programming to prevent births among adolescents.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 45 contains a recurring appropriation of \$500 thousand from the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY14 shall revert to the general fund.

The Department of Health indicates it would request authority to use a minimum of 5 percent of the amount appropriated for the department's administrative overhead costs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Health (DOH) reports its Family Planning Program currently has educational contracts for implementation of two evidence-based programs, the Teen Outreach Program

(TOP) and Cuídate. The Teen Outreach Program (TOP) is at 31 sites in 10 counties and Cuídate is at 4 sites in 2 counties.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Health reports Senate Bill 45 (SB45) relates to the DOH FY14 Strategic Plan effort to improve population health through a reduction in teen births, as well as to the same goal contained within the 2012 Statewide Comprehensive Health Improvement Plan. The DOH also has a FY14 performance measure relating to reducing teen pregnancy is: Number of teen births prevented among age 15-17 females seen in the department of health funded clinics.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Health (DOH) indicates statewide comprehensive programming to prevent births among adolescents is an existing DOH initiative.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) reports as of 2011, New Mexico's adolescent pregnancy rate was 47.8 percent, almost 9 points higher than the national adolescent pregnancy rate of 39 percent (Source: NM Department of Health, IBIS Database; NM Birth Certificate Database, Bureau of Vital Records and Health Statistics, 2011).

The 2012 New Mexico Voices for Children reports: "Although the state's teen birth rate appears to be slowly decreasing, New Mexico continues to have the second highest rate, especially among Hispanics and Native Americans. Children born to teens are at much greater risk of being trapped in the cycle of family poverty, having poor educational achievement, engaging in criminal behavior, and becoming teen parents themselves."

The DOH reports in New Mexico in 2008, taxpayer costs associated with children born to teen mothers included: \$35 million for publically-supported health care (Medicaid and CHIP); \$8 million for child welfare; and for children who have reached adolescence or young adulthood, \$17 million for increased rates of incarceration and \$38 million in lost tax revenue due to decreased earnings and spending (The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, 2011).

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