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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/16
SPONSOR Campos **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Guadalupe County Early Childhood Programs **SB** 182

ANALYST Malone

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	Recurring	DFA Special Appropriations

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
 Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 182 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of DFA for expenditure in FY17 to improve and expand early childhood education programs in Guadalupe County and Anton Chico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$50 thousand appropriation is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY17 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA observes that the potential benefits of this bill are geographically limited to Guadalupe County and Anton Chico. The agency cites a CYFD report published in 2014 on third grade proficiency showed that although data was not available for Guadalupe County as a whole, there was data for Santa Rosa, which is the county's largest school district. For third grade reading and math proficiency Santa Rosa rated at 51.1% (State average 55.2%) and 57.8% (State average 51%), respectively.

Additionally, DFA reports that other data demonstrates that Guadalupe County as a whole maintains a high school graduation rate of 81.6%, with its two largest school districts (Santa Rosa and Vaughn) graduating 80% and 93% of their high school students, respectively; all of which exceeds the State's average high school graduation rate of 70%.

Anton Chico has a population of 188 as of the 2010 Census. The elementary school in Anton Chico has approximately 100 students.

CYFD notes that early childhood education programs can provide an excellent foundation for success in later life.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA notes that each year new special appropriations are added for the LGD to administer. The agency is concerned that LGD will struggle to meet its statutory duties and overall mission if its resources are directed towards numerous small special projects.

ALTERNATIVES

DFA suggests that this bill could be amended to appropriate the funding to CYFD, which already maintains programming and the technical expertise to support the intent of this bill.

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