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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Taylor, J.P. DATE TYPED: 03/6/03 HB 751/aHAFC

SHORT TITLE: Partnership Parenting Education Program SB _____

ANALYST: L. Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB 212, Public School Reforms
 HJM 18, Availability of Nutritious Foods
 SB 230, Public School Reforms
 SB 252, Education for At-Risk families

Relates to Appropriation for New Mexico State University in the General Appropriation Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
 State Department of Education (SDE)
 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
 Department of Health (DOH)
 New Mexico State University, College of Agriculture & Home Economics (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendments

The amendments adopted by the House Appropriation and Finance Committee strike the appropriation, stipulate that “funds are appropriated;” and limit the parenting activities to Don Ana County. Senate Bill 655 includes \$25.0 for this purpose.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 751 appropriates \$300.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expanding a family strengthening partnership parenting and life

skills and to provide nutrition education and other services in areas of Dona Ana, Luna, Otero, and Sierra counties with high rates of adolescent abuse.

Significant Issues

This appropriation is to continue a program at NMSU whose first three years were supported by a federal grant that has ended. The program is considered a highly successful one that addresses areas with a high percentage of at-risk families, and state funding is necessary if the program is to continue and be available to provide services to nearly 4,000 families in the area. According to DOH, this program, the Nurturing Parenting Program, has been designated as a Model Program by the federal government. The goals of the Nurturing Parent Program include the building of family support and cohesion, increased awareness of developmental needs and healthy eating habits. To attain these and other program goals, 24 class sessions each lasting 2 and 1/2 hours are held with classes for children and parents running concurrently. While parents learn about self-nurturing and nurturing children, children participate in art, music, drama, and games designed to build self-esteem and promote physical and emotional development.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300.0 in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

This request was not included in NMSU's budget request to the NMSU Board of Regents, and thus was not included in the list of priority projects submitted by NMSU to the Commission on Higher Education for review.

AMENDMENTS

The CHE suggests adding the following language for all new recurring higher education programs (assuming that funding will continue beyond 2003-2004):

“A plan for a program evaluation, including specific program goals and criteria for assessing program effectiveness, shall be submitted to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education by October 1, 2004. An assessment of the program will be completed prior to June 30, 2005, and submitted to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education.”

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