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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Miera DATE TYPED 02/07/05 HB 379

SHORT TITLE Expand Family Development Program SB _____

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$300.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Public Education Department (PED)

Response Not Received From

Commission of Higher Education

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 379 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to PED for the purpose of increasing the family development program's statewide training and outreach coordinated by the University of New Mexico in support of educational success for the state's children by making the latest research accessible to low-income families and early childhood caregivers in urban and rural New Mexico.

Significant Issues

CYFD currently contracts with Training and Technical Assistance Programs for Early Care and Education, Family Support, School-Age Care. This bill would expand services that are currently standardized and provided by Training and Technical Assistance Programs.

Overlap may occur if both programs are not funded and administered through the same department.

PED states the mission of the Family Development Program (FDP) is to help families and teachers throughout New Mexico help children succeed in school. In 2004, 77 workshops were conducted for 1,154 participants in 82 communities. Currently, FDP is in the second year of a three-year contract with CYFD for a home visitation and parent toddler playgroup project emphasizing literacy and developmentally appropriate training.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

The LFC FY06 appropriation recommendation is balanced between revenues and expenditures and any increase in recurring funding must be offset by reductions in other areas of the recommendation. The Legislature must consider all priorities and funding requirements to find revenue to support this legislation.

The appropriation is not in the Executive requests for PED or CYFD.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Based upon the agency inputs, it is recommended the appropriation be to CYFD. However based upon language in the bill, the appropriation should be made to the University of New Mexico as it is responsible for coordinating the program.

The appropriation is considered a recurring appropriation by the LFC and since no fund has been created for this program, unexpended or unencumbered balances should revert at the end of each fiscal year. The LFC recommends on line 24 after "year" inserting "2006" and striking "not".

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Which agency, PED or CYFD, is better suited to manage the program?
2. How are efforts coordinated between the agencies?
3. What services are provided?

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