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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/06

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Teen Pregnancy Prevention Programs SB 160

ANALYST Lewis

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	2,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 193 (Teen Pregnancy Prevention & Parent Programs), which appropriates \$1,000,000 for the same purpose.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

FOR THE WELFARE REFORM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 160 appropriates \$2,000,000 from the general fund to the Public Education Department to fund teen pregnancy programs providing pregnancy prevention, parenting, family strengthening programming and career development for teen mothers and the fathers of their children.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$2,000,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert

to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Public Education Department (PED) notes that, according the New Mexico Teen Pregnancy Coalition:

- New Mexico has the 3rd highest teen birth rate in the nation.
- Teen pregnancy results in serious education and health problems for the mother and father.
- Teen mothers are more likely to have serious complication during pregnancy and delivery.
- Teen mothers and fathers are less likely to earn a high school diploma.
- Babies born to teen mothers are more likely to:
 - 1) have health problems at birth;
 - 2) be physically abused, abandoned or neglected;
 - 3) do poorly in school;
 - 4) do time in jail; and
 - 5) become teen parents themselves.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

PED suggests that this appropriation would serve to enhance school attendance and graduation rates as well as increase the number of students performing at grade level in math and reading.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

PED notes that it would be required to administer a request for proposal (RFP) and write and monitor a contract for this program. PED would designate staff to set up a flow-through account for the appropriation, develop a delivery system and provide technical assistance and fiscal monitoring of funds. PED states that this can be accomplished with existing staff, and estimates the total cost to be \$6,600 assuming 200 hours of staff time (Educator Administrator-A @\$25.495/hour X 200 hours plus benefits at 30%).

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

DOH notes that without this appropriation funding may not be available to the public schools for a statewide program to provide teen pregnancy prevention, parenting and family strengthening programming and career development for teen mothers and fathers.

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