

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number: SB 182**

**52nd Legislature, 2nd Session, 2016**

**Tracking Number: .203169.1**

**Short Title: Guadalupe County Early Childhood Programs**

**Sponsor(s): Senator Pete Campos**

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**Bill Summary:**

SB 182 appropriates \$50,000 to improve and expand early childhood programs in Guadalupe County and in Anton Chico.

**Fiscal Impact:**

The bill appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for expenditure in FY17. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY17 shall revert to the General Fund.

**Substantive Issues:**

In 2010, the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) established the Early Childhood Investment Zones (ECIZ). Guadalupe County has two investment zones in the Santa Rosa Consolidated Schools and Vaughn Municipal Schools.

According to CYFD, Guadalupe County ranked seventh among New Mexico counties in severity for early childhood risk factors. The high-risk indicators and factors in which Guadalupe County ranked particularly high are:

- low, and very low birth weight babies;
- juvenile arrests;
- unemployment; and
- child abuse.

**Background:**

As part of the ECIZ, CYFD produced 2014 reports on early childhood issues for all New Mexico counties, including the Guadalupe County Early Childhood Data Profile. Since that time CYFD has prioritized early childhood funding for communities when new funding streams become available for early childhood services. The data allowed a broad examination of indicators associated with health, family environment, poverty levels, child development, and factors that support literacy and school readiness.

Also included were indicators related to school success, including graduation rates, resource investment at the school district level, and support for pregnant and parenting teens.