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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/16

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Northern NM Early Childhood Programs SB 183

ANALYST _____

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$150.0	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		\$150.0	\$150.0	\$300.0	Recurring	DFA Special Approbations

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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 183 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of DFA to improve and expand early childhood education programs in Colfax, Guadalupe, Harding, Mora, Quay, San Miguel, and Taos counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$150 thousand general fund appropriation contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA notes that the potential benefits of this bill are limited to the above listed counties. The agency also reports that of the counties identified, many have above state average scores for third grade reading and math proficiency and/or high school graduation rates.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The funds appropriated in the bill are directed to LGD. However, due to the specificity and technical expertise required by the bill's intent, funds might be more effectively appropriated to another agency such as the Public Education Department (PED) or CYFD. LGD does not have particular technical expertise related to early childhood education. LGD would likely need to research early childhood education curriculum laws and regulations, conduct a procurement or issue a notice of funds available to applicable public bodies, or enter a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with another agency that would be more able to oversee the program.

ALTERNATIVES

DFA suggests that the 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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