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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/23/17

SPONSOR Cisneros LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Study Families Using 2 Social Service Types SM 50

ANALYST Chilton

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	NFI	Indeterminate	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

#### Responses Not Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Human Services Department (HSD)

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill (if bill is amended state "Synopsis of Original Bill")

Senate Memorial 50 requests that the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) and other interim legislative committees study the families that use more than one type of social services, to include income support programs, child welfare programs, mental health services and criminal justice systems. The study should look at ways of improving services to these families, the costs of serving them, and their distribution within New Mexico. The agencies conducting the study are asked to collaborate with New Mexico Applesseed to conduct the study. Agencies within state government that provide services to these families, such as the Department of Health, the Human Services Department, the Public Education Department, the Children, Youth and Families Department, the Corrections Department, and the New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority are asked to share data with LFC. A report of the findings of the committee is to be made available by October 1, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

No appropriation is made. Both responding agencies indicate the possibility that the creation and maintenance of additional databases that might be needed to fulfill the intent of this memorial may consume staff time, of indeterminate duration and cost. The same would probably be true for other non-responding agencies.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

It is not clear what services would add up to the two necessary to identify a family to make it a part of this study. Would, for example, attending school be one “social service,” and being eligible for free- or reduced-price lunch be a second “social service”? The memorial lacks specificity in this identification.

PED states “the PED has quarterly meetings with the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD), inclusive of select program staff and IT Division staff, and has already finalized a data sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would allow for the exchange of Medicaid data in addition to SNAP and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) data. This MOU already supports the efforts of cross-agency data sharing, complementing varying data systems, and improving nutritional outcomes for children and youth.” In addition, PED states that it has an MOU with CYFD and the Administrative Office of the Courts to share data. Therefore, some such sharing already exists.

There is little specific in the memorial as to the uses to which the gathered data would be put, and no mention of the confidentiality of the data.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS MEMORIAL**

A task force to study dually-served families would not be formed, and possible means of helping these families in a coordinated fashion might be unstudied or lost.

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