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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/5/17

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE TANF Program Task Force SM 111

ANALYST Boerner

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

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

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Public Affairs Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 214 which proposes to transfer administration of work-related requirements in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program of the Human Services Department to the Workforce Solutions Department.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received

#### SUMMARY

##### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 111 (SM 111) requests the Human Services Department (HSD) partner with the Workforce Solutions Department, the Children, Youth and Families Department, advocates and community-based organizations representing New Mexico families who participate in the temporary assistance for needy families program to form a task force to lead the effort of:

- Determining outcome measures and reporting requirements that would better inform policymakers on the effectiveness of the temporary assistance for needy families program and on ways to better align the program with the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act;
- Identifying evidence-based employment, education, job training and career pathways opportunities that will meet the employment needs of temporary assistance for needy families program-eligible families and the workforce needs of employers in the state;
- Identifying state agency and legislative actions that will increase access to support services that support employment and self-sufficiency for program participants, including child care assistance, transportation assistance and housing assistance; and

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- Planning for the successful transfer of the administration of the work-related components of the temporary assistance for needy families program from the human services department to the workforce solutions department.

Additionally, HSD is requested to track progress of the task force and report to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee concerning its progress and recommendations in the fall of 2017 and 2018.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None Noted.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Senate Public Affairs Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 214 proposes to transfer administration of work-related requirements in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program of the Human Services Department to the Workforce Solutions Department.

Such a transfer has many potential benefits, such as more cohesive and robust services for TANF clients and potential cost savings due to the reduction of duplicated programs between HSD and WSD work programs. Nevertheless, the proposed transfer impacts many individuals who are often vulnerable, face serious barriers to employment, and are highly reliant on these important programs. A task force such as the one proposed by SM 111 could address some of the concerns raised by stakeholders and advocates and help ensure a successful and smooth transition.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The parties named as participants in the task force proposed by SM 111 have demonstrated optimism and support for working together cooperatively for the successful transition of TANF-related work programs to WSD.

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