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BILL ANALYSIS
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Bill Number	HM107/aHEC	Sponsor	Caballero/Ferrary/C. Trujillo/and L. Trujillo
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Short Title	Maltreated Children Safety Net Study		
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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis of HEC Amendment

The House Education Committee Amendment to HM107 (HM107/aHEC) removes references to private entities in the task force and replaces the Public Education Department (PED) with the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC).

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Memorial 107 (HM107) requests the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) to create a task force to measures necessary to create an interagency safety net for maltreated children in New Mexico. The memorial requests participation from each of the following: PED, Human Services Department (HSD), Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD), New Mexico School Boards Association, New Mexico Superintendents' Association, New Mexico Association of Elementary School Principals, New Mexico Association of Secondary Principals, New Mexico Coalition for Charter Schools, Pegasus Legal Services for Children, New Mexico Voices for Children, and any other entities PED deems appropriate. The memorial requests the task force to report its findings and recommendations and to provide copies of the report to the Legislative Council Service Library and the LESC. The memorial also requests that copies of the memorial be distributed to the Chair of LESC, the secretaries of PED, HSD, and CYFD as well as the aforementioned organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT

Legislative memorials do not carry an appropriation.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Legislative Finance Committee's 2017 Early Childhood Accountability Report shows the rate of repeat maltreatment of children in New Mexico at 11.7 percent, down from 12.3 percent in FY16. However, the national rate for repeat maltreatment of children is 5.4 percent.

The J. Paul Taylor Early Childhood Task Force, convened by the University of New Mexico Health Science Center develops recommendations to strengthen New Mexico's early childhood behavioral health services system. For the past five years, the task force has made annual recommendations to the governor and the Legislature regarding the well-being of children. The J. Paul Taylor Early Childhood Task Force has also served as a subcommittee to the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) in the past year. ELAC makes recommendations to the Children, Youth and Families Department and the Legislature on how to coordinate and align an early childhood care and education system that comprise child care, prekindergarten, home visitation, early head start, head start, early childhood special education, early intervention, and family support to ensure New Mexico families have consistent access to appropriate care and education services. ELAC is also charged with ensuring effective collaboration with state and local child welfare programs and early childhood health and behavioral health programs.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

How can the criminal justice system and CYFD improve coordination to better protect children at risk from falling through the system?

RELATED BILLS

SM95, Reconvene the J. Paul Taylor Child Task Force would continue the work of investigating the effects of parental mental illness, substance use disorders, and family violence on young children to develop recommendations for a two-generation behavioral health system.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- LESC Files

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