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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos ORIGINAL DATE 02/10/21
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Mentorship And Guidance Programs Funding SB 188
ANALYST Bachechi

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22		
	\$175.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 188, Mentorship And Guidance Programs Funding, appropriates \$175 thousand from the general fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department for expenditure in fiscal year 2022 to contract for services to provide mentorship and guidance programs for at-risk youth. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general fund.

There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed the effective date is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$175 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD currently receives \$2.1 million for one-on-one mentoring and \$621 thousand for group mentoring, for a total of \$2.75 million in general fund appropriations. Senate Bill 188 appropriates \$175 thousand for additional mentoring services. For efficient expenditure, this bill should be aligned with the target populations served, service provisions, and reporting requirements of existing CYFD programs.

Research has found that mentoring benefits a youth's emotional and psychological well being, relationships with others, and academic attitudes and grades. In a number of studies, mentored youth did significantly better than youth in a non-mentored comparison group on a number of important outcome measures, including fewer depressive symptoms and more positive beliefs about themselves and their abilities. High risk youth are in need of such support. While these youth are often viewed through the lens of likely future costs to their communities, they also embody enormous unrealized potential. With the right kinds of support, these young people could put themselves on a path toward bright, productive futures, and make vital contributions to their families, neighborhoods and nation.

For additional information see <https://www.evidencebasedmentoring.org/>

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance measures related to youth mentoring. Additional programs would be subject to the same performance measures.

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