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F I S C A L I M P A C T R E P O R T

SPONSOR:	Lopez, Linda	DATE TYPED:	01/26/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Pediatric Early Literacy Program			SB	165
				ANALYST:	Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring	Fund
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01	or Non-Rec	Affected
	$ 50.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 83, except for appropriation of $31.1

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill appropriates $50.0 to the SDE for contracting for a pediatric early literacy program in Bernalillo County during FY 2001.

Significant Issues

According to a recent report from the Education Commission of the States, research indicates the first three years of life are especially critical to laying the groundwork for future learning. Researchers have confirmed that the infant brain requires almost nonstop stimulation to age 3, well before a child starts school.

According to SDE, a positive step toward solving the dropout problem in New Mexico would be to initiate systematic solutions at an early age.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The $50.0 general fund appropriation is to be expended in FY 2001. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining **at** the end of FY 2001shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

DUPLICATION

Provisions of SB 165 duplicate those of HB 83 except that HB 83 appropriates $32.1 for the program.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

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