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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Jennings DATE TYPED: 02/06/01 HB \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHORT TITLE: Optimum Educational Environment SB 252  
 ANALYST: Chabot

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 500.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files  
 Children, Youth and Families (CYFD)  
 Health Policy Commission (HPC)

No Response  
 Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$500.0 from the general fund to CYFD for the purpose of providing educational material on early childhood brain development, appropriate brain stimulation and learning techniques to new parents prior to the discharge of the newborn from a New Mexico hospital.

#### Significant Issues

The intent of the program is ensure that parents realize that all children, including newborns, need to receive stimulation so that they can develop cognitive skills. Providing this information at discharge is the optimum time to reach new parents. HPC states that giving the information on brain development and stimulation may enhance the newborn's long term development of motor and other skills, and may provide new parents the information to practice preventative care. CYFD does not have any hospital discharge programs. DOH, however, does provide discharge packets containing information for new parents.

### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

One output measure is proposed:

Number of families of newborns receiving information and training on brain stimulation and learning techniques:

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$500.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year shall revert to the general fund.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

If the program is administered by CYFD, they will have to develop policies and procedures, with existing staff, to ensure that parents of newborns receive materials and instruction on brain stimulation and learning techniques prior to discharge of the mother and child from the hospital.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Consideration should be given to making the appropriation to DOH. However, DOH did not respond for the request for analysis.

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