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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Aragon DATE TYPED 1/30/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Bernalillo and Dona Ana Teamworks Programs SB 267

ANALYST Kehoe

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$1,500.0			Recurring	TANF Block Grant Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates House Bill 423.

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 267 appropriates \$1.5 million from the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) block grant to the Human Services Department for the purpose of improving and expanding the teamworks program of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Significant Issues

The teamworks program is the commission's major workforce development activity for women making the transition from welfare to work. Located in Las Cruces and Albuquerque, the community- and team-based program offers life and employability skills training, computer training, help with overcoming barriers to employment (transportation, child care, domestic violence, substance abuse, proper work clothing, etc.) internships, and job search and retention assistance.

According to CSW, its client base has grown by 20-25 clients annually without an increasing in funding. Clients have a substantially lower level of literacy and education, and more clients are burdened with severe barriers in the areas of domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health and legal issues.

Under a new agreement with the Human Service Department, teamworks is required to serve an additional 200 clients in fiscal year 2005. The funding in this bill would provide the resources to address the needs of the growing client base by providing more intense case management, legal representation and a tailored curriculum addressing social issues prior to providing skills training for employment and placement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.5 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) block grant. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of (the fiscal year) shall revert to the (general fund).

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 97 each propose \$1.2 million from the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) block grant for the teamworks program.

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