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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Wilson DATE TYPED 3/1/2005 HB 804

SHORT TITLE Child Care Licensing Surveyor Training SB _____

ANALYST Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
\$200.0				Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 804 appropriates \$200 thousand dollars from the general fund for expenditure in FY05 and subsequent year to CYFD to hire and provide ongoing training of childcare licensing surveyors. The bill contains an emergency provision.

Significant Issues

Each CYFD child care licensing surveyor is currently responsible for regulatory oversight of 70-85 child care facilities. CYFD indicates a manageable caseload is approximately 50 child care facilities per surveyor. There are currently over 1,000 licensed providers in the State. CYFD notes that hiring of additional child care surveyors would provide for manageable caseloads, allow for ongoing training, and increase capacity to monitor additional after school programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200 thousand dollars contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation is made to hire and provide ongoing training of surveyors, but does not specify whether funds may be used to provide office space, supplies, and other resources necessary to support the hired surveyors. CYFD would absorb such costs from existing resources.

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