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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Altamirano DATE TYPED 3/5/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Grant County Youth Mentoring Program SB 836

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APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$10.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 836 appropriates \$10,000 from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of supporting a mentoring program for young men and women in Grant County.

Significant Issues

The Public Education Department (PED) highlighted the following benefits of mentoring programs for young people that would be advanced through this appropriation:

- Research shows adult role models, supportive relationship with three or more other adults and adults in community valuing youth as essential to youths' health and well-being
- Researchers working from within a risk and resilience framework have repeatedly called attention to the protective influence of supportive relationships with adults. Other research highlighted the importance of one good relationship, and showed the importance of significant adults in promoting healthy development of highly stressed youths.
- Mentoring relationships can positively influence a range of outcomes, including improvements in peer and parental relationships, academic achievement and self-concept, as

well as lower recidivism rates among juvenile delinquents and reductions in substance abuse.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$10,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

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