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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/09

SPONSOR Garcia LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Expand Children's Trust Fund Programs SB 190

ANALYST Peery-Golan

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$800.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

No Response Received From

Department of Health

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 190 appropriates \$800.0 from the general fund to the Children's Trust Fund to expand Children's Trust Fund programs for prevention of child abuse and neglect.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$800.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$293 million, or 2.6 percent, less than the FY09 appropriation. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

CYFD reported the appropriation in the proposed legislation was not part of the department's request or the executive's recommendation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD stated that currently the Children’s Trust Fund revenue includes \$222,800 from the general fund and \$225,900 from other revenues, such as marriage license fees, license plate fees and interest earned. Additional funding would enhance programs that prevent abuse and neglect of children, provide medical, psychological and other appropriate treatment for children who are victims of abuse or neglect, and develop community based services aimed at the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD noted the department would absorb the contract monitoring and administration resulting from the proposed legislation with existing resources.

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