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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE** 01/27/14  
**SPONSOR** Garcia, MP **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** 108

**SHORT TITLE** Rio Arriba Bilingual Early Childhood Program **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Boerner

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$30.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		\$30.0	\$30.0	\$60.0	Recurring	DFA Special Appropriations

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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 108 appropriates \$30,000 from the general fund to the DFA to contract with the north central New Mexico economic development district council of governments to contract with a community organization for a bilingual early childhood program in Rio Arriba county servicing the communities of Gallina, Youngsville, Rio Puerco, Arroyo del Agua, Mesa Poleo, Coyote and Canones.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$30,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2015 shall revert to the general fund.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

Generally, bills containing location-specific appropriations may be in violation of the Anti-donation Clause of the New Mexico Constitution or at risk for veto.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DFA and CYFD generally agree that neither the DFA nor the New Mexico Economic Development District Council of Governments have the established infrastructure or expertise to administer the highly complex programs described in this bill. Additionally, the amount of the appropriation in the bill would likely not be sufficient to implement the bill's directive. Nevertheless, New Mexico makes a considerable amount of funding available for school districts and private providers of early childhood programming, particularly for underserved or at risk communities—please see the “Alternatives” section below.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

CYFD notes the CYFD Prekindergarten (PreK) program provides comprehensive early childhood education to English Language Learners in an individualized approach, by implementing research-based practices that have been proven to make a positive impact in children's learning. In fiscal year 2014 there is \$15 million available for PreK available through CYFD; early childhood program providers from around the state are encouraged to apply for these funds.

Similarly, the Public Education Department's (PED) FY14 operating budget contains \$42.5 million in PreK, K-3 Plus, and Early Literacy funds available for districts for early childhood programming—many districts have never applied for this funding.

The LFC budget recommendation includes \$17.3 million for CYFD PreK and \$61.9 million for PED PreK, K-3 Plus and Early Literacy programming in FY15.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

PreK, K-3 Plus and Early Literacy programming funds will continue to be available through CYFD and PED.