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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Morales **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/05/14
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Low-Income, At-Risk Children Dance Program **SB** 257

ANALYST Kludt

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
\$0.0	\$140.0	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

Senate Bill 257 appropriates \$140.0 thousand from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for expenditure in FY15 to provide low-income at-risk children access to a best-practice character-building youth dance program in partnership with local school districts statewide.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill appropriates \$140.0 thousand from the general fund to CYFD for expenditure in FY15 to provide low-income at-risk children access to a best-practice character-building youth dance program in partnership with local school districts statewide. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining shall revert. This appropriation was not included in the executive or LFC budget recommendations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the CYFD, evidence indicates that youth who are involved in recreational activities consistently show lower rates of substance use and gang involvement (The NSDUH Report, 2007; Research Review: Gang Violence and Prevention). They demonstrate healthier

functioning on such indicators as academic achievement, psychological adjustment, and improved quality and quantity of interactions with their parents (Social Policy Report, 2006). Activities such as sports, music, and drama help build a sense of self-worth and self-respect.

Currently, over seven thousand children are participating in character-building youth dance programs in partnership with local school districts statewide through the New Mexico National Dance Institute (NMNDI). This includes programs in 82 elementary schools. Of the children and families participating, the NMNDI reports that 75 percent live in poverty (NMNDI, 2013).

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance measures related to at-risk youth which may be positively affected by this bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has stated that any effort necessary to handle the procurement process and contract oversight may be absorbed by existing resources.

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