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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/15
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Northeastern New Mexico Early Childhood Programs SB 344

ANALYST Malone

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
\$150.0	\$150.0	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 344 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY16 to improve and expand early childhood education programs in Colfax, Guadalupe, Harding, Mora, Quay, San Miguel, and Taos counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016 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.

CYFD notes that quality early childhood education programs can provide an excellent foundation for success in later life.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance measures relating to early childhood programs which may be positively affected by this bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

LGD of DFA would be responsible for administering this appropriation in addition to current pass-through appropriations already administered.

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