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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/16
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Domestic Violence Programs for Children SB 57

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
 Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$300.0 from the general fund to CYFD for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 to increase the capacity of programs that provide trauma-informed services to children exposed to domestic violence. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill appropriates \$300.0 from the general fund to CYFD for expenditure in fiscal year 2017 to increase the capacity programs that provide trauma-informed services to children exposed to domestic violence. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the general fund. This appropriation is not included in agency request or the Executive and LFC recommendations.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In fiscal year 2016, CYFD received recurring funding in the amount of \$350.0 to contract with the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NMCADV) to implement a program that assists domestic violence agencies in developing and providing sustainable trauma-informed services to children, protective/non-abusing parents and/or caretakers, and families affected by domestic violence. The goals of services include strengthening the bond between domestic violence survivors and their children and enhancing coping skills while reducing trauma-related responses in children birth through 18. Thus far, 7 sites have begun providing services to children and non-offending parents/caretakers.

Futures Without Violence (FWV) states that research has shown that the non-abusing parent is often the strongest protective factor in the lives of children exposed to domestic violence. Children may experience direct effects from the experience of witnessing abuse as well as indirect effects from parenting compromised by abusive environments. FWV also states that psychotherapy designed for mothers and children together can increase the quality of parenting and increase positive outcomes for children.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD maintains performance measures related to the number of sites developed to provide services to children and non-offending parents.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

General Fund Language for Protective Services program in FY17, the LFC and Executive Appropriation Recommendation asked that any unexpended balances shall not revert. This bill has language that any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the general fund.

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