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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/08/17

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Health and Human Services Restructuring Task Force SJM 17

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		unknown			Nonrecurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 289 and SB 106

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Senate Joint Memorial 17 (SJM 17) observes that certain recommendations made in the Final Report of the Government Restructuring Task Force completed in 2010 have not been implemented, and asks the Legislative Council to convene a health and human services restructuring task force to re-examine the respective functions of, and resources available, to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD), Department of Health (DOH), and Human Services Department (HSD), and to make recommendations for the consolidation of services and supports for children and families.

The task force is charged with examining memoranda of understanding, joint contractual relationships with private providers, consolidated budget requests and use of money via contracts, shared departmental structures and economies in personnel management, and regional outreach and education to determine how the respective departments could be reorganized to meet their responsibilities with respect to New Mexico's children and families more efficiently and with increased quality.

The task force is asked to invite representatives from CYFD; DOH; HSD; the New Mexico sentencing commission; the judiciary; court-appointed advocates; juvenile justice experts and advocates; state, county and local law enforcement; hearing officers; corrections officials;

guardians ad litem; representatives of children, parents, foster children, and foster parents; and representatives from the children and family advocacy community, including grandparents raising grandchildren, teachers, social workers, pediatricians, nurses, and legal services providers, including Pegasus legal services for children, and others that the legislature deems appropriate.

The task force is charged with reporting its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS) and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) by December 1, 2018.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Fiscal implication for participating agencies may be moderate. Subject matter experts across all divisions and all bureaus will need to be diverted from existing work to support the information gathering requested by the memorial.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD noted significant concern regarding consolidation of agencies stating:

“Given the size of the agencies involved in the assessment, December 1, 2018 may not be sufficient time to truly vet the advantages and disadvantages of changes to each agency.

There may be a significant programmatic burden to all CYFD Divisions to review, share and examine all CYFD programs, policies, and functions relative to the charge of the Task Force to identify existing overlap of activities across the identified state departments. Any subsequent transfer of programs which may occur will also require extensive effort on the part of the IT teams in the affected agencies, as each agency has its own database systems.”

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