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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/14/17

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Early Childhood Service Collaboration SM 23/aSRC

ANALYST Chilton

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Joint Memorial 5

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

Department of Health (DOH)

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Rules Committee Amendment

The amendment makes several changes in several places in the memorial, all of which change its intent to establish a new task force but rather to assign the functions of studying disparities, gaps, and overlaps in early childhood services to the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC).

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Memorial 23 would ask the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) to establish a new task force to study methods to increase communication and collaboration among a number of agencies involved in early childhood education. It cites disparities among communities in the provision of services to young children, such that in some communities, children go unserved and in others, available slots are not filled. In some cases, the legislation indicates, funds are returned to the federal government that could well be used in New Mexico.

State agencies mentioned in the memorial as participating include CYFD, IAD, the Public Education Department; other agencies would include New Mexico and tribal Head Start, the New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children, the New Mexico Early Learning Council, and family child care homes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No appropriation is made. Agencies participating in the task force would need to assign personnel to attend its meetings. With respect to the original bill, DOH estimated its costs at \$10,000 per year to assign personnel to the task force and its functions, but given that the newly amended bill assigns the requested functions to an existing committee, the Early Learning Advisory Council, it is likely that the additional staff time and thus cost to DOH would be minimal.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Each of the three agencies (IAD, DOH, and CYFD) commented on the potential duplication of this task force's proposed work with the Early Learning Advisory Council and the J. Paul Taylor Task Force, both currently operational.

RELATIONSHIP with Senate Joint Memorial 5, which would continue the J. Paul Taylor Early Childhood Task Force. This task force has existed for the past four years, set up by the University of New Mexico to advise the Legislature on issues bearing on the education and well-being of children before school age. The J. Paul Taylor Task Force is not mentioned in the original bill or the amended bill.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

IAD notes that it does not have staff expert in early childhood education, and suggests that tribal liaisons to the Public Education Department might be more useful to ELAC than IAD representation.

ALTERNATIVES

Involve the J. Paul Taylor Task Force in the suggested functions in place of ELAC.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

A task force with the specific functions indicated in this memorial would not be established. ELAC would not be given the specific charge of studying disparities, gaps, and overlaps in existing early childhood services.

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