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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE
 SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED 2/5/20 HB _____

SHORT TITLE At-Risk Youth Mentorship & Guidance SB 248

ANALYST Bachechi

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$175.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		N/A				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 187
 Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth, and Families Department (690)

SUMMARY

House Bill 248 appropriates \$175 thousand from the general fund to the Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) for expenditure in FY21 to fund mentorship and guidance programs for at-risk youth.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill appropriates \$175 thousand from the state general fund to CYFD for expenditure in FY21, with remaining balance reverting.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD currently receives \$2.1 million for one-on-one mentoring and \$621 thousand for group mentoring, for a total of \$2.75 million in general fund appropriations. For efficient expenditure, this bill should be aligned with the target populations served, service provisions, and reporting requirements of existing CYFD programs. CYFD’s current RFP funding cycle runs through FY23.

Research has found that mentoring can benefit a youth’s emotional and psychological well-being, relationships with others, and academic attitudes and grades. In a number of studies, mentored youth did significantly better than youth in a non-mentored comparison group on a number of important outcome measures, including fewer depressive symptoms and more positive beliefs about themselves and their abilities. High risk youth are in need of such support. While these youth are often viewed through the lens of likely future costs to their communities, they also embody enormous unrealized potential. With the right kinds of support, these young people could put themselves on a path toward bright, productive futures, and make vital contributions to their families, neighborhoods and nation.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD has performance measures related to youth mentoring. Additional programs would be subject to the same performance measures.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Any additional administrative costs related to managing the appropriation will be absorbed by existing resources.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The mandate of this bill is closely aligned with HB187 calling for an appropriation for CYFD mentoring programs.

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