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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2019 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment**
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Date 3/11/2019
Bill No: SJM18

Sponsor: Sen Linda Lopez
Short Title: CHILDREN'S CODE REFORM
TASK FORCE

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20	FY21		
NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

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Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Joint Memorial 18 (SJM18) requests the chair of the children’s cabinet to convene a reform task force to review and make recommendations to update the children’s code.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES The Chair of the children’s cabinet will convene a children’s code reform task force for making recommendations and updating the children’s code. The children’s code includes matters relating to several different issues including child development, adoptions, child abuse, mental health, and guardianships. Thirty-eight members will be invited to be part of the children’s cabinet, which includes representatives from state agencies and non-profit organizations. A member from the PED shall be part of the taskforce.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS One PED staff member will be part of the children’s cabinet during the 2019 interim and will participate in meetings and information exchanges via email and phone calls.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP None

TECHNICAL ISSUES The task force will submit a copy of its findings and recommendations to the governor, legislative finance committee and report them to the health and human services committee. It does not explain who is responsible for the reports and who will meet with the legislative health and human services committee.

Due to the large size of the task force (thirty-eight members), it will be difficult for the group to make decisions and report its findings and recommendations. This may be a factor in meeting deadlines required for eligibility for federal incentives.

It is unknown how much time and effort it will take to potentially overhaul the Children’s Code in order to update it with respect to preventive services, delinquency, child abuse and neglect policies, family interventions and children’s mental health as discussed in this bill.

If the task force remains large in size, consider including representatives from the New Mexico State University (NMSU) Counseling and Educational Psychology Department and the NMSU

School of Social Work.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES None

ALTERNATIVES None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The New Mexico Children's Code may not be updated with respect to preventive services, delinquency, child abuse and neglect policies, family intervention, children's mental health and dually involved youth. This may result in New Mexico being ineligible for federal incentives tied to updated policies.

AMENDMENTS None