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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 191

SHORT TITLE: PED Services for LGBTQ+

SPONSOR: Anaya

LAST UPDATE: 02/02/2026 **ORIGINAL DATE:** 02/02/2026 **ANALYST:** Chilton

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$530.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Related to House Bills 189, 191 and 233.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

Public Education Department

Agency or Agencies That Were Asked for Analysis but did not Respond

Regional Educational Cooperatives

Albuquerque Public Schools

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 191

House Bill 191 appropriates \$530 thousand to the Department of Education from the general fund for the purpose of contracting with an organization focused on LGBTQ+ issues to develop curriculum resources that are inclusive of LGBTQ+ issues, to train school personnel, and to improve the outcomes of LGBTQ+ individuals, especially in rural schools.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$530 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall

revert to the general fund. Although this is a one-time, nonrecurring expenditure for a contract to develop materials, PED states that initiating the contract and monitoring the project, as well as maintaining and updating the materials, will require both upfront and ongoing staff effort.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Public Education Department (PED) reports that LGBTQ+ students experience higher rates of depression, feelings of sadness and hopelessness, self-harm, and suicide attempts and completions compared with heterosexual and cisgender students. PED notes these disparities may be more pronounced in rural schools and communities. A supportive and affirming school environment may help improve student well-being and outcomes.

Albuquerque's Transgender Resource Center offers counselling, support groups and housing for unhoused LGBTQ+ individuals and advocacy on their behalf; such services are less frequently available in rural settings, as evidenced by the map of resources for these individuals, which shows services limited to the Albuquerque area and Las Cruces and Alamogordo.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Related to House Bill 189, CYFD Support and Services to LGBTQ+ Families, to House Bill 191, Homelessness Support Services for LGBTQ+, and to HB 233, Protection for Women's Sports Act.

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