

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 387

51st Legislature, 1st Session, 2013

Tracking Number: .191831.1

Short Title: MLK Commission College Prep Test Program

Sponsor(s): Representative Sheryl M. Williams Stapleton and Others

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Bill Summary:

HB 387 makes an appropriation to provide for an ACT and SAT preparation program and program evaluation in Bernalillo County.

Fiscal Impact:

\$60,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission (MLKC) for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Substantive Issues:

HB 387 would make it possible for the MLKC to expand its educational outreach program to include college preparatory activities by providing test preparation for the ACT and SAT through the commission's partner eREAD, Inc.

According to the company's website, eREAD, Inc. provides a variety of outreach and literacy programs for both youth and senior citizens. The organization is involved in several educational projects including ACT and SAT preparation programs that provide:

- a review of math, language, reading, and science content covered in college entrance examinations;
- instruction in test-taking strategies; and
- practice tests.

Background:

According to the website of the MLKC, the mission of the program is "to promote Martin Luther King, Jr.'s principles and philosophy to the people of New Mexico to improve interracial cooperation and reduce youth conflicts in our communities." The current educational programs of the MLKC are:

- commemorative awards;
- leadership tour;
- annual march; and
- youth conference.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

None as of 2/12/2013.