

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SM 62a

51st Legislature, 1st Session, 2013

Tracking Number: .193187.1

Short Title: Student Bill of Rights

Sponsor(s): Senator Linda M. Lopez

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AS AMENDED

The Senate Rules Committee amendment requests that the task force prepare a draft student bill of rights.

Original Bill Summary:

SM 62 requests that:

- New Mexicans establish, respect, and honor a student bill of rights (SBR); and
- the Legislative Education Study Committee, in consultation with the Public Education Department, convene a task force of students and student advocates to perform a yearly examination of the SBR and make recommendations for legislation that will help realize the aspirations set forth therein.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

Substantive Issues:

The student rights contemplated in the memorial include the right to:

- a discrimination-free learning environment;
- enriching extracurricular and after-school programs;
- information, resources, and support to prepare students for life after high school;
- equitable school and classroom environments;
- affordable and nutritious food in the school environment;
- bilingual education and bilingual after-school programs;
- a learning environment free of cruel and unusual punishment;
- due process;
- schools that seek alternatives to police presence and criminalization of youth;
- access violence- and gang-prevention, peer-based mediation and intervention programs;
- organize themselves and be represented by their peers in important school decision-making processes;

- self-representation in district meetings; and
- be afforded space to dialogue safely about aspects of their learning experience, including school budgets.

Committee Referrals:

SRC/SEC

Related Bills:

None as of 3/8/2013.