

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HM 81

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Short Title: International Baccalaureate Programs

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Bill Summary:

HM 81 requests the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) to study the current and potential role of the International Baccalaureate (IB) programs in New Mexico and report its findings and recommendations to the first session of the 52nd Legislature.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

Substantive Issues:

IB is included in the definition of “college readiness” in the *Grading of Public Schools* section of Public Education Department (PED) rule, among other sections. Additionally, PED guidance for alternative demonstration of competency for graduation purposes allows the use of IB for each subject area that has a related college readiness/placement exam.

Background:

According to The International Baccalaureate, the organization:

- is a non-profit educational foundation;
- has four programs for students aged 3 to 19 to help develop the intellectual, personal, emotional, and social skills to live, learn, and work in a rapidly globalizing world;
- was founded in 1968; and
- currently works with 3,717 schools in 147 countries to develop and offer the four programs to over 1.16 million students.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

HB 330 *Diploma Seal of Bilingualism*