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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/26/15

SPONSOR Maestas LAST UPDATED 3/5/15 HM 84/aHEC

SHORT TITLE At-Risk Youth Design Education Programs SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Chavez

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		Minimal	Minimal			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HEC Amendment

The House Education Committee amendment to House Memorial 84 changes the requested date that PED report its findings to LESC and LFC from 2015 to 2016.

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 84 requests that the Public Education Department (PED) explore funding options for the creation of design education programs for at-risk youth.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation associated with this memorial. Any costs PED incurs in completing the study should be absorbed by existing resources.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HM 84 notes that, at 70 percent, New Mexico's graduation rate ranks near the bottom when compared with other states. While most of the assessments of students' proficiency in schools are made through verbal testing, the memorial argues that at-risk youth may achieve higher academic performance if challenged intellectually through teaching modalities outside the traditional classroom, including through the design studio model.

The memorial notes that the design studio model mimics the training of architects and industrial designers, involves a process that approaches learning through the "what can be" rather than the

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“what was”, and the learning experiences involved in the studio design model reinforce core curriculum standards.

Finally, the memorial notes that Eubank elementary school has a public school pilot design education program, the first of its kind in New Mexico.

In the original bill, PED is requested to present its findings to the Legislative Education Study Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee before December 1, 2015. In the amended bill, the date is changed to December 1, 2016.

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