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SHORT TITLE Study Redistricting of Large School Districts SJM 21

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19		
NFI	NFI		See Fiscal Implications

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Joint Memorial

Senate Joint Memorial 21 request the Legislative Education Study Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee to study the cost of and issues with the redistricting of large school districts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is little to no impact as costs associated with the working group, such as per diem costs incurred attending a meeting, could be paid by the member's organization.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Joint Memorial 21 tasks the Legislative Education Study Committee (LECS) and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) to study the costs and benefits of redistricting large school districts, as well as other issues, including programmatic, fiscal and capital needs; debt between old and new districts; and social and community concerns. The Public Education Department and Center for Education Policy Research at the University of New Mexico are to assist in this study. Both the LECS and the LFC are to report to the first session of the fifty-fourth legislature.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

This Joint Memorial references a study conducted between 1993 and 1995 by BDM education technologies and research and polling, incorporated, for the Public Education Department (PED), in addressing the question of decentralization of the Albuquerque public school district. Arguments were presented for the benefits and challenges of redistricting for smaller school districts as well as large school districts. Although these references are made, the study to be performed is to address the costs and benefits of redistricting large school districts. Presumably this study would address the school districts of Las Cruces, Rio Rancho, Santa Fe, Gallup/McKinley County, Gadsden Independent Schools, Farmington and Roswell as well as Albuquerque.

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