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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Crook DATE TYPED: 02/20/01 HB 554
 SHORT TITLE: Marching Band as Physical Ed Requirement SB _____
 ANALYST: Gilbert

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
		NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 47 and 48

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 New Mexico State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 554 amends section 22-2-8.4 of NMSA 1978, by striking outdated language and (with local school board approval) marching band courses would meet the required physical fitness unit.

Significant Issues

If enacted, this bill would allow students to meet the required physical fitness unit by taking a marching band course.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

If House Bill 554 is enacted, school districts would need to support marching band courses with written, delivered, sequential, and assessed curriculum, as well as provide an appropriately licensed instructor.

Current statute requires that all courses offered for credit employ a final examination for student assessment. The Department of Education suggests, with the absence of a final exam requirement,

that language be added to this bill which requires that courses being offered for credit must include

some form of assessment (formative and/or summative) to assess the learner's progress toward meeting relevant state content standards and benchmarks.

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