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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Stewart DATE TYPED: 02/05/02 HB 87

SHORT TITLE: Public School Accreditation SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Baca

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring Or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 78

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 87 amends Section 22-2-2 NMSA 1978 of the Public School Code to authorize the State Board of Education (SBE) to accredit public schools in accordance with the state accountability program, to approve education curricula and programs offered in any two-year public post-secondary institution, and requires that the SBE withhold program approval from a college of education or teacher preparation program that fails to offer a reading course that was not designed with input from experts in the field.

#### Significant Issues

This bill repeals the requirement that the SBE accredit one-third of the state's school districts yearly following on site visits by SDE staff and allows the SBE to accredit public schools in accordance with the state accountability plan. The change in the accreditation cycle is consistent with an LFC audit team recommendation and allows SDE and SBE greater flexibility in determining where the SDE should concentrate its technical assistance efforts.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

This change will allow SDE greater flexibility in the deployment of to render technical assistance to the districts most in need,

**CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP**

House Bill 87 related to Senate Bill 78, Public School Accreditation.

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