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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Carraro,J	DATE TYPED:	3/3/03	HB	
SHORT TITLE: School Attendance Officers			SB	18	
		ST:	Segura		

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 18 would require all schools to designate an attendance officer who shall report annually to the local board on excused and unexcused student absences.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 18 does not contain an appropriation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to SDE, administrative implications should be minimal for schools since this data is currently being collected as part of the state's accountability system.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

NONE

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Under Section 22-1-6,NMSA, schools must currently track student attendance and report it annually.

The SDE notes that Senate Bill 18 does not address a major concern of public schools regarding this section of statute which in the non-enforcement of penalties due to a lack of follow-up in most regions as required by the Juvenile Probation and Parole Office and the District Attorney's Office.

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