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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Nava DATE TYPED: 1/30/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Recruit National Board Certified Teachers SB 232

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$300.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation for the State Department of Education in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

State Department of Education

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 232 appropriates \$300.0 from the general fund to the Department of Public Education to recruit and assist qualified New Mexico teachers who wish to become certified by the national board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) and authorizes the department to use up to three percent of the appropriation for administrative costs incurred by the Department.

Significant Issues

The improvement of teacher effectiveness is a widely acknowledged and accepted goal. This bill strives toward that goal by providing assistance to teachers who wish to undergo the rigorous training program to become eligible for certification by the NBPTS, and is a continuation of efforts begun in 1994. To date, the Department reports, an estimated \$1 million from state appropriations and federal funds has been spent to assist 107 teachers to become nationally certified.

The appropriation in this bill will allow an estimated 100 candidates to participate in the program by providing financial assistance to offset the \$2.3 million costs associated with the program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year2004 shall revert to the general fund.

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