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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Kidd,D. DATE TYPED: 3/12/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Support for Adult Basic Education Programs SB SJM-83

ANALYST: 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

New Mexico Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 83 recommends to the legislature and governor that state law be amended to name the CHE as the “eligible agency” as defined in the Adult Education and Family Literacy Act, in place of the state department of public education.

Significant Issues

According to SDE, if the ABE program is transferred to CHE, the joint memorial requests that the CHE study the following elements of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program:

- Administrative structure
- Funding streams
- Program delivery
- Data collection methods.

The joint memorial also requests that the CHE consider forming a broad-based adult education and literacy advisory council to the Commission.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Memorial does not contain an appropriation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to CHE, the requests in SJM 83 represent significant impact on the Commission's workload. The Commission's position that the single FTE currently funded for statewide ABE administration is neither adequate nor appropriate staffing.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SB-691/a , HB2/a which provides funding to the State Department of Education for Adult Basic Education, SB 655/cs, HJM 63, and SB845.

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