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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nava DATE TYPED 2-5-04 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Study School Nurse Delivery of Health Care SJM 9

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Public Education Department (PED)

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 9 would require the DOH and PED to create a task force to study the appropriate use and staffing of nurses in the state's public schools.

#### Significant Issues

According to the PED and DOH:

The 2002-2003 Health Services Report indicates that the current statewide FTE for public school nurses is 363.1.

The National Association of School Nurses and Healthy People 2010 objectives, supports the national standard on school nurse/student ratio is one school nurse per 750 students.

According to the 2002-2003 Health Services Report, the current statewide ratio of school nurse to students in one school nurse per 888.56 students.

Senate Joint Memorial 9 requests that a task force be comprised of representatives of the DOH,

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PED, school districts, the school nurse association, school administrators, education-health assistant organizations, the New Mexico pediatric society, parents group and other appropriate advocacy groups.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Senate Joint Memorial 9 does not contain an appropriation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

This legislation would require PED and DOH to create and serve on a task force examining appropriate use and staffing of nurses in public schools. PED indicates they would be able to use existing FTE to meet these administrative requirements.

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