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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ponce DATE TYPED 2/01/04 HB 119

SHORT TITLE Non-Transferable College Credit Reimbursement SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

New Mexico Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 119 amends Section 21-1B-5 NMSA 1978 to require a receiving institution reimburse the student for the complete cost, including tuition, books and fees, of each course the student was required to repeat at the receiving institution, if the student's articulation complaint is upheld.

House Bill 119 also requires the receiving institution shall publish in the student handbook or otherwise notify students of the complaint process, including notice of the remedy.

Significant Issues

State statutes (21-1B-3 through 21-1B-5) require the CHE to develop an articulation plan, including modules and courses within the modules, to facilitate the transfer of course from one institution to another, especially from the two year institutions to the four and six year universities. If a course approved within the articulation plan is not accepted by the receiving institution, the re-

ceiving institution will be required to reimburse the student for the cost of the course if the student has appealed the denial and been upheld.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no impact on the general fund. However, any institution that loses a course transfer appeal will be impacted. However, there is no data available to indicate how frequently course transfers are denied.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The CHE indicates that HB 119 could limit the transfer opportunities for students if receiving institutions are unable to reimburse students for any appeal won by student over course acceptance denial.

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