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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Change Visually Handicapped School Name, CA SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

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

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Resolutions proposes to change the name of the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped to the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The resolution also provides that the proposed constitutional amendment be submitted for a vote at the next general election or at a special election called to consider the proposed amendment.

#### Significant Issues

The term “handicapped” disappeared from the federal Special Education Law in 1990. This change in terminology in the State Constitution would mirror federal language.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Secretary of State notes it will cost \$40 thousand for this constitutional amendment.

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