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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Carraro DATE TYPED 2/16/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Teach Effects of Alcohol and Drugs in Schools SB 410

ANALYST Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 410 mandates public schools to provide instruction on the effects of tobacco, drug and alcohol use on the body and society through existing health or science curricula. The bill would require schools to provide a minimum of six hours of alcohol, tobacco and drug use prevention education annually in grades 4-12.

Significant Issues

PED indicates that they have adopted Health Education Content Standards with Benchmarks in 1997 that address the issues related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug use prevention.

PED highlights the following:

- PED does not currently require a set number of hours for topic areas in any content area including health-related curricula.
- PED is currently developing performance standards that will assist school districts in meeting the Health Education Content Standards with Benchmarks, including alcohol, tobacco and other drug use prevention.
- According to the 2003 New Mexico Youth Risk and Resiliency survey of New Mexico high school students:
 1. 65% of New Mexico students have tried smoking with 8% identifying themselves as frequent smokers.
 2. 24% of students report never having had a drink of alcohol while 51% report drinking on one or more days out of the last 30 days.
 3. 29% of students surveyed report marijuana use in the last 30 days.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

If SB 410 is enacted, it would support the Health Education Content Standards and the New Mexico Science Standards in schools.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 410 does not contain an appropriation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to PED, school personnel already receive technical assistance from the department related to alcohol, tobacco and other drug use prevention. Schools would be required to implement six hours of coursework on the topic of the effects of alcohol and other drugs.

PED would need to develop a method for assessing adherence to the required six hours of instruction as mandated by Senate Bill 410.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 410 relates to Senate Bill 357.

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