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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/06

SPONSOR Kernan LAST UPDATED HB

SHORT TITLE Public School Advanced Placement Initiatives SB 105

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$1,300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 105 Appropriates \$1.3 million from the general fund to the public education department for public school advanced placement initiatives.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.3 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SB105 provides for the expenditure of funds in the following manner:

- \$700 thousand to expand advanced placement for nontraditional participants.
- \$300 thousand for an advanced placement summer institute.
- \$100 thousand to expand advanced placement opportunities for rural school students.
- \$200 thousand to expand advanced placement teacher development.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

- If this bill were passed, funding would cover professional development and activities to support and expand AP Programs in New Mexico’s public schools.
- Funding would continue and expand Advanced Placement Initiatives no longer funded by the Federal Government.
- Advanced Placement Initiatives will better prepare New Mexico students to succeed in college.
- Public school students represent 87.8% of all New Mexico test takers on AP exams.
- 2005 AP Exam Data reveal that New Mexico is making progress in closing the Achievement Gap for Advanced Placement Programs. (Source: NMPED)
- Funding would expand current efforts to increase minority student participation and rural school student participation in Advanced Placement programs.

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