

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: SB 156

48th Legislature, 1st Session, 2007

Short Title: Charter School Program Cost Calculations

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Bill Summary:

SB 156 amends the *Public School Finance Act* to add charter school student activities program units to the list of units that determine program cost for school districts and charter schools. (NOTE: The SB 156 amendment is clean-up language only. Enacted by the 2006 Legislature, the statute governing the calculation of these units is effective July 1, 2007.)

Fiscal Impact:

SB 156 does not contain an appropriation.

Issues:

Enacted in 2005, current statute requires school districts and the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) to allow charter school students in grades 7 through 12 to participate in extracurricular activities in the public school in the attendance zone in which the students live, if those students meet eligibility requirements other than enrollment in a particular public school. However, if the school in which a charter school student is enrolled offers extracurricular activities sanctioned by NMAA or some other association, the student is not eligible to participate at another public school.

The 2006 Legislature amended the *Public School Finance Act* to provide for the calculation of charter school student activities program units to reimburse school districts for the costs associated with having charter school students participate in NMAA sanctioned extracurricular activities in a district school. Effective July 1, 2007, school districts will receive one-tenth of the unit value for every participating student ($.1 \times \text{number of students} \times \text{unit value}$).

Although the calculation of charter school student activities program units is currently in statute, the section of statute that lists the units included in the Public School Funding Formula was not amended in 2006 to include charter school student activities program units.

Related Bills:

HB 513 *Charter School Program Cost Calculations* (identical)