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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Youngberg ORIGINAL DATE 03/16/07
LAST UPDATED _____ HM 112
SHORT TITLE CLE Credits For Legislative Attendance SB _____
ANALYST Geisler

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		minimal				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 112 requests that the New Mexico minimum continuing legal education board conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility of allowing legislators and legislative staff to earn minimum continuing legal education credits for their work during the legislative session and for interim committee attendance. The results of the study shall be reported to the board of bar commissioners of the state bar of New Mexico and the New Mexico supreme court.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Fiscal implications are likely to be minimal to the board.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The work of legislators and legislative staff during the legislative session and during the legislative interim is similar to the requirements for courses for which continuing legal education credits are allowed. However, currently New Mexico legislators do not receive legal education credits for their service. A quick search on the internet shows that states that do allow some continuing legal education credits for legislative service or legislative related legal research include Arizona, North Dakota, Mississippi and Montana.

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