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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/13/2007

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE At-Risk Hispanic Youth Educational Programs SB 577

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$350.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to appropriations in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 577 appropriates \$350 thousand from the general fund to the Public Education Department for supporting statewide dissemination of a culturally based language arts and social science curriculum targeting at-risk Hispanic youth and their families.

The bill also provides for teacher training and community members in dropout prevention.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$350 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC remains concerned with funding initiatives outside of the funding formula as it tends to disqualify school funding and diverts funding away from core educational needs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED notes the bill does not provide data relative to the specific needs for the culturally based language arts and social science curriculum targeting at-risk Hispanic youth and their families. Districts are provided with funding to purchase both language arts and social studies materials on a cyclical basis and those materials are to include materials that are not only aligned to the state content standards, but also the local curriculum that is developed at the local level to support the needs of local students. If materials are not found on the adoption list and are needed to support student learners, districts have an option to purchase materials from other sources with 50 percent of their yearly allocation.

PED also notes the bill does not identify what is to be included within a request that is different from the calls sent out by the Instructional Materials Bureau during these specific instructional material adoptions. It would be difficult for the PED to develop a new Request for Proposal different from the recent requests without specific criteria. Criteria should not only be supported by alignment of state standards but also some specific data regarding student performance on the state-mandated assessments that would justify and would be proposing to address the need.

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