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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/08

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 521

SHORT TITLE At-Risk Student Summer Enrichment Programs SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)  
 Public Education Department (PED)  
 Luna Community College (LCC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 521 appropriates \$250.0 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department for Luna Community College to provide after-school and summer enrichment programs for at-risk students in the Wagon Mound Public School District, West Las Vegas Public School District, Pecos Independent School District and Santa Rosa Consolidated School District.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

This request was not submitted by LCC to New Mexico Higher Education Department for funding recommendation for FY09 and is not included in the Department's FY09 executive funding recommendations.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to LCC, school districts in the Mora, San Miguel, and Guadalupe counties have requested Luna Community College sponsor after-school and summer programs for at-risk students within their school districts. Programs will focus on remedial coursework, leadership skills, self-esteem building, and exposure to a college environment. Luna Community College has sponsored summer programs with at-risk youth with an average of 95% completion rate of the programs specific goals and objectives. It is the goal of Luna Community College to target at least 80 students per summer program block.

The PED states:

The 2007 Legislature appropriated approximately \$2,600.0 for: 1) Before- and After-School Physical Activity and Nutrition, and 2) After-School Enrichment Programs. Pecos independent school district was the only school district of the four targeted school districts that was not an applicant for either of these two grants in FY 08.

- Wagon Mound public schools received \$13,842 for Before- and After-School Physical Activity and Nutrition.
- West Las Vegas public schools received \$49,700 for After-School Enrichment Programs at Rio Gallinas Charter School. In addition, West Las Vegas public schools received \$73,589 in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center funding.

If Wagon Mound, West Las Vegas, Pecos and Santa Rosa school districts are awarded the \$250.0 appropriation from HB 521, PED would need to determine these school districts' eligibility for applying for both the Before- and After-School Physical Activity and Nutrition Program and the After-School Enrichment Program.

After-school programs could produce connections with individuals or activities that are healthy and supportive of positive growth and development of life skills. Those who attend programs that emphasize healthy relationships and behaviors are less likely to engage in risk-related relationships and behaviors.

After-school programs could promote relationships with supportive adults as well as positive peer bonding opportunities within the school. They could also provide the extracurricular activities that might appeal to different interests (*Spreading Resiliency*, 2006).

HB 521 could positively impact the PED performance measures that relate to the Governor's Obesity Prevention Initiative. Obesity prevention initiatives may enhance school attendance, graduation rates and student performance by helping to increase the number of students performing at grade level in math and reading. This supports the PED goal of closing the achievement gap.