

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: SB 472

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Short Title: ENLACE Program

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Bill Summary:

SB 472 makes an appropriation from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department (HED) for FY 10 for the ENLACE (ENgaging LATino Communities for Education) program.

Fiscal Impact:

\$2.0 million is appropriated from the General Fund to HED for FY 10. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

SB 472 requires that the appropriation be distributed equally among:

- the University of New Mexico (UNM);
- New Mexico State University (NMSU);
- San Juan College;
- Santa Fe Community College; and
- Clovis Community College.

Fiscal Issues:

- ENLACE was initially funded in New Mexico by a \$4.2 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation from FY 01 to FY 05.
- Since FY 06, the Legislature has appropriated a total of approximately \$4.39 million to HED to fund ENLACE. Since FY 07, the Legislature has also appropriated a total of approximately \$287,400 for ENLACE through UNM's research and public service projects.
- For FY 09, HED reports that a total of \$1,244,800 was appropriated from the General Fund for ENLACE:
 - \$1,147,300 to HED; and
 - \$97,500 to UNM; however,
 - FY 09 Executive budget reductions resulted in a final total FY 09 budget of \$1,153,700, a total reduction of \$91,100.
- For FY 10, the Legislative Finance Committee recommendations include funding ENLACE at the original FY 09 levels and continuing to flow the funds through both HED and UNM.

- SB 472 requires that a proportion of the funding be distributed to Clovis Community College; however, according to ENLACE, Clovis Municipal Schools is currently the fiscal agent for the eastern ENLACE program.
- According to ENLACE, a W.K. Kellogg grant that represented nearly half of the program's total budget expired at the end of FY 08; as a result, ENLACE reduced its programs in FY 09. ENLACE notes that, if additional funding is not provided, the program will not have the resources to reinstate some current programs or to continue expanding new programs.

Background:

According to ENLACE, in 2001 the W.K. Kellogg Foundation provided the initial funding to support three regional ENLACE sites in New Mexico and a statewide collaborative “in order to affect positive change in the public educational system, leading to increased student success, not just for Hispanics, but for all students.” Since then, ENLACE has expanded to five regions:

- the central region led by UNM;
- the southern region led by NMSU;
- the northwestern region led by San Juan Community College;
- the northeastern region led by Santa Fe Community College; and
- the eastern region led by Clovis Municipal Schools.

ENLACE is coordinated through UNM's School of Law and reports biannually to HED. The January 2009 report to HED contains a statewide report and reports from each of the five ENLACE regions. The report indicates that, from July 2008 through December 2008, approximately 6,867 individuals have participated in ENLACE programs statewide:

- 1,258 elementary school students;
- 1,096 middle school students;
- 1,370 high school students;
- 232 college students; and
- 2,911 parents.

In 2007, the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) heard a staff report on student support programs, including ENLACE. The report described the types of programs offered through ENLACE, including:

- cross-age mentoring and tutoring;
- improving access to information about college admissions and scholarships for students and families;
- organizing college visits;
- fostering positive peer groups for cultural and social activities;
- leadership development;
- strengthening academic success through coaching, tutoring, summer bridge programs, and advising students into appropriate college preparatory and advanced placement courses; and
- ENLACE parent-run family centers to provide social and academic support to Latino high school students and their families.

The LESC staff report also noted that, in addition to the five above ENLACE partnerships, there are two ENLACE programs in New Mexico that are not funded directly through HED:

- 17 ENLACE family centers within Albuquerque Public Schools are funded through the *Family and Youth Resource Act*; and
- an ENLACE truancy/dropout prevention program in Mesa Vista Consolidated Schools, Deming Public Schools, and Roswell Independent Schools, funded by PED using Truancy/Dropout Prevention dollars.

Related Bills:

None as of 02-19-09.