

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 201a

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Short Title: Adjusting Home School Program Units

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AS AMENDED

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee amendment defines activities as athletics, co-curricular and extracurricular activities sanctioned by the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA).

Original Bill Summary:

HB 201 amends the *Public School Finance Act* to permit home school students to participate in all school district activities governed by the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA), rather than only athletic activities.

Fiscal Impact:

HB 201 does not contain an appropriation.

However, if HB 201 results in more home school students participating in school district activities the bill could have a fiscal impact.

If no money is appropriated to cover the cost of the additional units generated as a result of the increased number of activities in which home school students participate, the unit value will decrease. However, the Public Education Department (PED) notes that currently, few units are generated through the home school activities factor.

Background:

- In 2007, Laws of 2007, Chapter 365 added a home school student activities program unit (cost differential factor of 0.1) for home school students participating in school district activities governed by the NMAA, payable to the school district in which the program unit is generated. 2009 legislation provided that home school students are eligible to participate in up to three activities.
- Formed in 1921 and incorporated in 1964, NMAA is a voluntary, nonprofit organization of approximately 300 New Mexico public, private, and parochial junior/middle and senior high schools. The NMAA has as its principal purpose the regulation, direction, administration, and supervision of all interscholastic activities in the state of New Mexico. Current statute requires that NMAA rules be approved by PED.

- PED notes that currently, the NMAA recognizes the following activities:
 - Athletic Training Challenge;
 - Bowling;
 - Business Pros of America;
 - Chess;
 - Choir;
 - Concert Band;
 - DECA Marketing Education;
 - Drama / One Act Play;
 - English Expo;
 - FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America);
 - FFA Agriculture Education;
 - HOSA (Health Occupations Student Assoc);
 - JROTC;
 - Mock Trial;
 - Rodeo;
 - Scholastic Publications;
 - Science Fair;
 - Science Olympiad;
 - Skills USA;
 - Speech and Debate;
 - Student Council; and
 - TSA (Technology Student Assoc).

Related Bills:

HB 202a *Private School Student Activity Program Unit*