

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (legis.state.nm.us). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/09/12

SPONSOR SEC _____ LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Public Peace, Health, Safety and Welfare SB 352/SECS

ANALYST Chabot _____

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$35.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY12	FY13	FY14	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$35.0		\$35.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Education Committee substitute to Senate Bill 352 appropriates \$35.0 thousand from the general fund to the Public Education Department for the purpose of establishing a charter school facilities task force and to contract with a statewide public policy organization to assist the task force by facilitating the task force's work in developing solutions on how charter schools may acquire needed buildings. A final report will be presented to the Legislative Education Study Committee, the Public School Capital Outlay Council, the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force and other pertinent Legislative committee and executive agencies. The bill does not include a date for the report to be completed and presented to the entities mentioned in the bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$35.0 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Section 22-8B-4-2 NMSA 1978 requires charter schools approved between July 1, 2005 and July 1, 2015 shall meet educational occupancy standards required by applicable New Mexico construction codes. The facilities of a charter school whose charter has been renewed at least once shall be evaluated, prioritized and eligible for grants pursuant to the Public School Capital Outlay Act. After July 1, 2011, a charter school is not to open or an existing charter school move unless the facilities receive a condition rating equal to or better than the average condition of all New Mexico public schools for that year, as measured by the New Mexico condition index, or the charter school demonstrates they will move to such a facility within 18 months.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill requires reports to numerous committees and councils but does not specify a date when the report is due.

GAC/svb