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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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# ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See Fiscal Implications				

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#### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)
Public Education Department (PED)

## **SUMMARY**

## Synopsis of HLELC Amendment

The House Local Government, Elections, Land Grants & Cultural Affairs Committee Amendment to Senate Bill 219 adds an effective date of the provisions of the act as July 1, 2020.

#### Synopsis of SEC Amendment

The Senate Education Committee amendment to Senate Education Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 219 adds clarification in the title of the bill that ethnic studies shall be offered as an elective.

#### Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Education Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 219 amends a Section of the Public School Code to allow "ethnic studies" instruction as part of graduation requirements. Ethnic Studies shall be offered as part of the seven and one-half elective units.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill does not appropriate funds to cover the cost of instructional materials on ethnic studies

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at the state or local level and would require PED to create and approve content and performance standards in the new subject area of ethnic studies.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This bill amends Section 22-13-1.1 NMSA 1978 pertaining to graduation requirements, to require that courses in ethnic studies be offered as part of the seven and one-half elective requirement for a New Mexico diploma of excellence for students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

In an analysis for a similar bill, PED noted that the Public School Code currently does not prohibit or prevent schools or school districts from offering ethnic studies instruction for credit as an elective.

Ethnic studies are defined as "the interdisciplinary study of multiple perspectives through the examination of social, ethnic, cultural, gender and historical experiences to build critical thinking skills." According to PED the definition of ethnic studies seems duplicative with New Mexico Social Studies Standards.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

PED, school districts and charter schools may incur costs associated with implementation of this new requirement.

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