

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 01.24.2026 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: H-116 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Torres-Velasquez **Agency Name and Code Number:** NM Regional Education Cooperatives #930
Short Title: Bilingual-Multicultural Act Changes **Person Writing:** Bobbie Gutierrez
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

HB 116 strengthens bilingual program requirements and adds new expectations for staffing, cultural instruction, and parent committees. RECs can play a major role in PD, program design, and compliance support. The risk is that districts—especially rural ones—will rely heavily on RECs to meet these new standards, increasing workload, potentially without new funding.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS N/A

Note: major assumptions underlying fiscal impact should be documented.

Changes can be beneficial to districts and RECs; however, there needs to be assurances of adequate funding to support this bill.

Note: if additional operating budget impact is estimated, assumptions and calculations should be reported in this section.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES N/A

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS N/A

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES N/A

ALTERNATIVES N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL N/A

AMENDMENTS N/A