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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Williams, Stapleton DATE TYPED: 03/03/03 HB 305

SHORT TITLE: Next-Step Plans for High School Students SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Segura

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04 *		
	N/A		Indeterminate		

\*See Fiscal Impact Summary

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 305 amends the Public School Code, Subsection E of Section 22-2-8.4 NMSA 1978, Graduation Requirements.

#### Significant Issues

The bill would require all students to complete and file a final next-step plan as a condition for receiving a high school diploma. Currently, all students entering high school are required to prepare a four-year plan for grades 9-12. In these plans, students indicate an interest in postsecondary education, employment, military service or other potential careers.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to SDE, school districts will be required to expend funds to develop the infrastructures for meeting the final next-step plan requirement for all students. This will include costs associated with counseling and guidance, data collection, reporting, monitoring and implementation of student plans.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The department indicates that an increase in workload would be required by school counselors and other school officials.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Several new districts are implementing Career Pathways/Career Academies that provide a focused program of study for individual students to prepare for continuing postsecondary education or for receiving certification in their chosen pathway.

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