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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE: In-Service or Closed Schools on Election Day      SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Segura

### APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of HEC Amendment

The Senate Education Committee amended House Bill 772 on page 2, line 25. The amendment is technical in nature and does not change the original intent of the bill.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 772 requires schools to schedule an in-service day or be closed on election days.

#### Significant Issues

School districts must be in compliance with the length of school day and year requirements as defined in Section 22-2-8-1 NMSA 1978. All public school calendars must reflect minimum hourly statutory requirements.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

House Bill 772 does not contain an appropriation.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

According to SDE, districts and schools would need to build calendars to accommodate election days.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Districts may designate a prescribed number of in-service days as defined in the state's Standards of Excellence. These in-service days must be built into the school calendar.

Required school closings would ensure school safety for children and staff that utilize buildings during regular school days.

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