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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/20/2007

SPONSOR Hall LAST UPDATED _____ HB 513

SHORT TITLE Charter School Program Cost Calculations SB _____

ANALYST Aguilar

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		*Indeterminate				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases) ***See fiscal implications.**

Relates to HB 2
 Duplicates SB 156
 Relates to appropriations in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)
 Office of Educational Accountability (OEA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 513 adds the charter school student activities program unit into the program cost calculation.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Indeterminate appropriation impact

HB-513 does not contain an appropriation. At present, charter school activities costs are carried either by the charter school or the school district. These activity costs can include facilities costs, janitorial costs, costs for opening the doors of a school site and insurance. By including charter school activities in the program cost calculations, school districts and school sites that host charter school activities may be relieved of this burden.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED notes that Laws of 2006, Chapter 94, Section 61, created charter school student activities program units effective July 1, 2007 but failed to amend Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 to include these units in the calculation of the program cost for school districts.

Funding for these units flows directly to the school districts through the public school funding formula.

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