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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers SB 972  
ANALYST Aguilar

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$3,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB-870 and SB-694  
Relates to SB-150, HB-1057; SB-974

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 972 appropriates \$3 million from the general fund to the Public Education Department to continue and maintain the quality of after-school programs of the twenty-first century community learning centers program.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$3 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC remains concerned with funding initiatives outside of the funding formula as it tends to disqualify school funding and diverts funding away from core educational needs.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED notes that the federal 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program supports the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for children, particularly students who attend high-poverty and low-performing schools. The programs help students meet state and local student standards in core academic subjects such as reading and math; offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that can complement their regular academic programs; and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children. There are currently 29 funded programs in New Mexico. There are 19 programs in their fourth year of federal funding and 10 programs in their third year of federal funding.

21<sup>st</sup> Century grants are awarded for five years. Projects receive a 20% reduction in funding in year four and a 40% reduction in year five. At the conclusion of the fifth year of funding, grantees must find or identify new sources of funding to continue their program. The appropriation, if passed, would supplement federal 21<sup>st</sup> Century funding statewide up to or near the requested levels for all funded programs as reflected in their applications.

Federal funding for 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants is temporary; the programs are expected to become self-sufficient after a five-year period. There are no state-funded 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center programs.

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