

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: HB 361

48th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2008

Short Title: Albuquerque Children's Museum Programs

Sponsor(s): Representative Danice Picraux

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Bill Summary:

HB 361 makes an appropriation to contract for statewide education programs by a science center and children's museum in Albuquerque.

Fiscal Impact:

\$15,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) for FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

Issues:

According to DCA's analysis of HB 361, the programs specified in the bill refer to the Explora Science Center & Children's Museum, located in Albuquerque. The appropriation would support outreach activities to communities statewide, focusing on young children, their caregivers, and the educators who serve them. Specifically, Explora has outlined four areas of continued outreach programming that will be supported by this appropriation:

- a school-based outreach program that provides standards-based presentations in classrooms throughout the state;
- a program that brings school-groups from all over the state to Explora to visit exhibits and participate in standards-based lessons;
- overnight "camp-ins," which allow groups from many communities to utilize the Explora facility and participate in overnight programs; and
- professional development programs for New Mexico educators, including instructional materials and training opportunities for educators and caregivers of preschool children in selected communities.

Related Bills:

HB 45 *CYFD Roswell Science Festival Support*
HB 209 *Albuquerque Children's Museum Programs*
HB 230 *Albuquerque Children's Museum Programs*