

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill No:** HB 52

**48th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2008**

**Short Title:** Santa Fe Teacher Science Instruction

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Peter Wirth and Others

**Analyst:** James Ball

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**Bill Summary:**

HB 52 makes an appropriation to improve science education in Santa Fe by providing teacher training and in-class mentors for elementary school students in order to integrate hands-on science techniques into the curriculum.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$40,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Public Education Department (PED) for FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

**Issues:**

According to PED, HB 52 supports the strategic goals of the Action Plan for Advancing Math and Science Education in New Mexico. PED also points out that science teacher professional development and providing mentors in science education support the implementation of standards-based instruction and help teachers employ effective strategies in the science classroom, especially for integrating math and literacy instruction with science.

**Related Bill:**

SB 101 *NMSU School Science Teacher Enhancement*