

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: SB 219

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Short Title: Northern NM State School Youth Sports Program

Sponsor(s): Senator Richard C. Martinez

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Bill Summary:

SB 219 makes an appropriation to re-establish the National Youth Sports Program (NYSP) at the Northern New Mexico State School (NNMSS) to serve youth ages 10 to 16 during the summer months with an academic and sports curriculum.

Fiscal Impact:

\$30,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the NNMSS for FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

Issues:

According to their website, the NYSP is a nonprofit organization established to administer sports projects nationwide. NYSP receives support from the US Department of Agriculture through the Summer Food Service Program as well as in-kind support from the National Collegiate Athletic Association. NYSP supports the efforts of selected institutions of higher education that provide qualified personnel, facilities and services necessary to instruction, skills training and competition in a variety of sport activities designed to improve physical fitness and health habits as well as exposure to educational and career opportunities.

NYSP provides an instructional program for boys and girls from low-income households. The program uses sports instruction and competition as a vehicle to enhance self-esteem, to promote respect for oneself and others, to reinforce the importance of education to one's future, and to promote active, healthy lifestyles. The program also provides participants with instruction in career and educational opportunities and exposure to the college environment. Each participant receives a free medical examination and follow-up, if necessary, and at least one free meal daily.

Related Bills:

None to date.