

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill No:** SB 419

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

**Short Title:** Youth Education in Visual Arts

**Sponsor(s):** Senator John T. L. Grubescic

**Analyst:** James Ball

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**Bill Summary:**

SB 419 makes an appropriation to implement and operate a program for youth education in the visual arts that helps develop core learning skills through outreach workshops at schools, pueblos and community service organizations, and through professional development for teachers and weekend family activities.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) for expenditure in FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

**Issues:**

According to DCA's analysis of SB 419, arts and cultural programs have broad educational and quality of life impact on New Mexico's young people. Therefore, the visual arts programs outlined in the bill would be a strong investment in the youth of New Mexico.

DCA also points out that since SB 419 does not identify a specific community or region of the state for these programs, it is assumed that a statewide program would be implemented.

**Related Bills:**

\*SB 34 *New Mexico School for the Arts Act*  
SB 141 *Las Cruces Youth Dance Programs*  
SB 180 *Statewide Orchestral Education Outreach*  
SB 194 *Santa Fe Dance Festival*  
SB 261 *Chimayo-Area Programs*  
SB 368 *Santa Fe Performing Arts Program*  
HB 53 *Santa Fe Performing Arts School Programs*  
HB 226 *African-American Performing Arts Center Act*  
HB 287 *Native American Cultural Performances*