

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: HB 177

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Short Title: School Educational Field Trips

Sponsor(s): Representative Antonio “Moe” Maestas and Others

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Bill Summary:

HB 177 makes an appropriation to the Public Education Department (PED) for FY 10 to purchase and distribute tickets to public school students for an educational trip to a professional basketball game in Albuquerque.

Fiscal Impact:

\$50,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to PED for FY 10. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Issues:

The *General Appropriation Act of 2008* included a \$100,000 special appropriation to PED for the state high school basketball tournament.

In 2007, the Legislature appropriated \$5,000 to PED for FY 08 to purchase and distribute tickets to school students for semiprofessional basketball games. According to PED’s analysis of HB 177, the FY 08 appropriation allowed approximately 3,000 students to participate in the Albuquerque Thunderbirds’ School House Jam game. According to PED,

- schools develop curriculum that students must successfully complete in order to participate in the School House Jam;
- students complete a Newspapers In Education work book at the game;
- the School House Jam includes presentations from the Albuquerque Police Department, D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), M.A.D.D. (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), and other community partners; and
- the \$50,000 appropriation would allow approximately 10,000 students to participate in the program; however,
- school districts may not have the buses and drivers necessary to conduct a field trip of this size.

Related Bill:

HB 625 *State High School Basketball Tournament*