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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/09/10

SPONSOR SFC LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Delay School Year & Day Length Changes SB 87 & 92/SFCS

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Conflicts with Senate Bill 92

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>		NFI				

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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
 Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)  
 Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Finance Committee (SFC) substitute for Senate Bills 87 and 92 would delay until 2011-2012 the implementation of 2009's House Bill 691 (Laws 2009 Chapter 276, amending Section 22-2-8.1 NMSA 1978). The amended statute defines a school year to consist of 180 full instructional days for a regular school year calendar and 150 full instructional days for a variable school year, excluding release time for in-service training; to require that time lost due to weather, in-service training, or other events be made up. It allows school boards to set a longer school year; and to allow the Secretary of Public Education to waive the minimum length or

number of school days in districts so long as the school year is adjusted to ensure that students receive the same instructional time as other students in the state.”

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The SFC substitute for Senate Bills 87 and 92 makes no appropriation.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The DFA Office of Education Accountability provides the following regarding existing school calendars.

In November, following the 2009 regular legislative session, the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) heard from staff that some districts and charter schools, as summarized below, would need to amend their calendars in order to meet the new requirements.

- 49 of 89 school districts
- 34 of 58 locally chartered charter schools and
- 5 of the 14 state chartered charter schools

Of concern was the cost of adding instructional days. When LESG staff polled districts and charter schools about the cost associated with instructional days, the numbers varied widely from approximately forty-four hundred dollars to one hundred and twenty thousand dollars per day.

The LFC notes that the annual appropriation from the legislature for the state equalization guarantee fully funds the legally required number of school days plus professional development days for licensed school employees.

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