

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SJM 7a

50th Legislature, 1st Session, 2011

Tracking Number: .183761.1

Short Title: Study Children's Access to Proper Nutrition

Sponsor(s): Senator Cynthia Nava and Others

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AS AMENDED

The Senate Floor amendment:

- strikes all of the Senate Education Committee amendments;
- removes the Public Education Department from the request and in lieu thereof inserts the Children, Youth and Families Department;
- increases the task force membership to 14 from 11 members in order to include one public school cafeteria manager appointed by the Secretary of Public Education and two members of the New Mexico School Nutrition Association appointed by the Association's board;
- removes the Governor as the appointing authority for those members of the task force from the New Mexico School Superintendents Association, the New Mexico School Boards Association, Farm to Table, and New Mexico Appleseed and in lieu thereof designates the boards of those organizations to name their representatives; and
- adds the New Mexico School Nutrition Association to the list of recipients of SJM 7.

The Senate Education Committee amendment:

- removes the Public Education Department from the request and in lieu thereof inserts the Department of Health (DOH);
- recognizes that DOH's obesity prevention program is charged with examining children's nutrition issues;
- requests DOH to examine the work of the Student Nutrition Task Force and continue its work; and
- increases the task force membership from 11 members to 12 in order to include one public school cafeteria manger appointed by the Secretary of Public Education.

Original Bill Summary:

SJM 7 requests the Public Education Department (PED) to convene a task force:

- to study and monitor mechanisms for distributing federal, state, and private funding for school programs aimed at reducing child hunger and ensuring that the money is invested in a manner that provides the most appropriate and effective services possible to the children of New Mexico;

- to continue the work of the Student Nutrition Taskforce (see “Substantive Issues,” below) to study children’s hunger and access to nutrition in New Mexico schools; and
- to pursue legislation to establish the task force as a permanent entity.

SJM 7 identifies the membership of the task force as follows:

- two representatives from PED, appointed by the Secretary of Public Education, including at least one representative from the Student Nutrition Bureau of the Program Support and Student Transportation Divisions;
- one representative from the Department of Health (DOH), appointed by the Secretary of Health;
- two representatives from the Human Services Department, appointed by the Secretary of Human Services;
- two representatives from the Children, Youth and Families Department, appointed by the Secretary of Children, Youth and Families; and
- one representative each from the New Mexico School Superintendant’s Association, the New Mexico School Boards Association, Farm to Table, and New Mexico Appleseed, all appointed by the Governor.

Finally, SJM 7 resolves that the task force report its findings to the appropriate interim legislative committees and to the Governor no later than December 1, 2011.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not contain an appropriation.

Substantive Issues:

According to the PED analysis of SJM 7, PED has convened a student nutrition task force in the past, the purpose of which was to improve processes for food service directors in the state. The SJM 7 request does not align with the original goals or membership of the PED student nutrition task force.

Related Bills:

SB 63 *Government Food Purchasing Requirements*
SB 123 *NM Grown Produce in School Lunches*
SB 144a *Require School Free Breakfast Programs*