

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** SB 499

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**Tracking Number:** .192880.1

**Short Title:** Mesalands College Athletic Programs

**Sponsor(s):** Senators Pete Campos and John Patrick Woods

**Analyst:** James Ball

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**Bill Summary:**

SB 499 makes an appropriation for athletic programs at Mesalands Community College (MCC).

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$50,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department (HED) for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund

**Substantive Issues:**

The analysis of SB 499 by HED suggests that the appropriation would support the Mesalands Rodeo Team (MRT), which is among the top college rodeo teams in the United States.

**Background:**

HED states that MCC has hosted five annual community college rodeo competitions. There are 49 students on the 2012-2013 MRT representing 15 states and three foreign countries. MRT has won several championships and has set national records in this sport.

**Committee Referrals:**

SEC/SFC

**Related Bills:**

HB 518 *Mesalands College Athletic Programs*