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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia Richard **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/5/18
LAST UPDATED _____ **HM** 42

SHORT TITLE Wellness Education Task Force **SB** _____

ANALYST Chilton

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	Small, but indeterminate*	Small, but indeterminate	Small, but indeterminate	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases) *See Fiscal Implications below

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regional Educational Cooperatives (REC)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Memorial

House Memorial 42 notes the importance of maintaining good health both for school students and for staff members. It suggests that both staff and students would benefit from a study of wellness policies and of how planning and funding school district wellness policies might be improved. It requests that a task force be set up under PED direction to include representatives of the

- Governor’s office
- Public Education Department
- New Mexico school board association
- Legislative education study committee (LESC)

The task force is to report its findings to both LESC and the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation. PED notes that it would be charged with convening the task force, facilitating its meetings, and submitting a report to LESC and LFC. There would be a personnel

cost to its doing so.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED indicates that it has developed a Wellness Policy Guidance Document Manual to help school districts comply with the requirement of a triennial wellness policy submission, which coincides with school districts' food services assessments. Federal and other funding is available for wellness activities, including nutrition education, but no state or federal funds have yet been made available for staff wellness activities.

PED notes further “Given that PED and the [Department of Health] collaborate on providing regional and statewide trainings as related to current school wellness activities, enacting this bill will duplicate effort that has incorporated the work of two state agencies providing comprehensive guidance to schools. Any data collection that is related to the current effort should be considered when informing the need to change current statute.”

Nursing, medical and/or nutritionist participation as well as Department of Health participation in the task force might be beneficial.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The task force would not be set up; PED and DOH would continue to make recommendations on wellness promotion to local school districts and charter schools.

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