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**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE**  
**BILL ANALYSIS**  
**54th Legislature, 1st Session, 2019**

<b>Bill Number</b>	<u>HB274/aHTPWC</u>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<u>Stapleton</u>
<b>Tracking Number</b>	<u>.212173</u>	<b>Committee Referrals</b>	<u>HTPWC/HTRC</u>
<b>Short Title</b>	<u>Dial-A-Teacher Program License Plates</u>		
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**BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis of HTPWC Amendment

The House Transportation, Public Works & Capital Improvements Committee Amendment to House Bill 274 (HB274/aHTPWC) requires motor vehicle owners to pay a \$25 fee for each succeeding registration renewal. The fee would be appropriated to the Public Education Department (PED) to contract with a “call-in” service that provides homework assistance in English and Spanish.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 274 (HB274) would enact a new section of the Motor Vehicle Code to create a special registration license plate for supporters of a Dial-A-Teacher homework assistance program. A motor vehicle owner would have the option of applying for the special registration plate for a \$25 fee, in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees. The \$25 fee would be waived for each succeeding registration renewal in which a validating sticker is issued in lieu of the special registration plate. The Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD) would receive \$10 of the fee for the manufacture and issuance of the special registration plate and PED would receive \$15 of the fee to contract with a call-in service that provides homework assistance in both English and Spanish.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

HB274/aHTPWC would require a motor vehicle owner to pay a \$25 fee in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration fees to obtain the special license plate. Of the fee collected, TRD would keep \$10 to manufacture and issue the registration plate and PED would keep \$15 to contract with a call-in service for homework assistance.

In its analysis of HB274/aHTPWC, the Legislative Finance Committee indicates special license plates generate very little revenue for the sponsoring organizations.

## **SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Albuquerque Public School (APS) offers homework assistance through Dial-A-Teacher, a program of the Albuquerque Teachers Federation (ATF). Licensed teachers are available to provide homework help Monday through Thursday from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. in English and Spanish. While the homework help service is intended to help kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, parents and college students can also call. According to ATF, while the program serves mostly the Albuquerque metropolitan area, students from across the state utilize the service. A large portion of the individuals served are from low socioeconomic areas.

The ATF Dial-A-Teacher program has served over 1,100 students each year in the last several years and this year is on track to serve approximately 1,500 students. During the 2017-2018 school year, 1,118 calls were made, seven percent of which were in Spanish and 87.8 percent of which were requests for help with math. Most of the calls, 44 percent, were from middle school students, followed by 37 percent from elementary school students, 18 percent from high school students, and one percent from other.

PED does not have an existing contract for a call-in homework assistance program. It is unclear if PED would contract with ATF to provide the call-in service.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

TRD indicates there will be minimal administrative impact for MVD and the Information Technology Division.

## **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- LESC Files
- Legislative Finance Committee (LFC)
- Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

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