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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE**  
**LAST UPDATED** 1/29/2019    **HB** 128

**SPONSOR** Trujillo, L

**SHORT TITLE** Increase Access for Senior Citizen Education    **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Hawker

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

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	No fiscal impact					

Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)  
 New Mexico State University (NMSU)

#### Other Responses Received From

New Mexico Association of Independent Community Colleges (NMICC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 128 amends Section 21-21D-3 NMSA 1978, increasing the number of credit hours a senior citizen student who is a resident of New Mexico can take at the reduced tuition rate of five dollars per credit hour. Currently senior citizen students who are residents can take up to six credit hours per semester. HB 128 increases the number of credit hours at reduced tuition to ten credit hours per semester.

Eligibility for senior citizens for reduced tuition is changed from ‘may be allowed’ to ‘shall be allowed’. “Senior citizen” is defined as a person age 65 or older.

HB 128 provides for technical clean-up of Section 21-21D-5 NMSA 1978.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Eligible senior citizen students are only allowed to register for classes at a reduced rate when there is space available in the class.

According to HED during the fall and spring terms in academic year 2017, throughout New Mexico enrolled senior citizens at reduced tuition equaled 19 fulltime students.

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