

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current and previously issued FIRs are available on the NM Legislative Website (www.nmlegis.gov) and may also be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/18/19

SPONSOR Stewart LAST UPDATED 2/21/19 HB _____

SHORT TITLE School Administrator Reciprocity Requirements SB 593/aSEC

ANALYST Gaussoin

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total				NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

No Responses Received
Regional Education Cooperatives (REC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SEC Amendment

The Senate Education Committee amendment to Senate Bill 593 restores the language in existing law that allows educators from other states to apply for a level 3 license, either the level 3A, used for level 3 teachers, or the level 3B, used for administrators.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 593 amends 22-10A-12 NMSA 1978 to clarify that an educator from another state must have a school administrator license from the other state and six years of administrator experience to be considered for a New Mexico school administrator's license under reciprocity agreements.

The bill changes language in current law that allows a teacher or principal licensed in another state to seek a level 2 or level 3 license, which includes the level 3B license used for administrators, to include only level 2 and level 3A, used for teachers. The bill creates separate requirements for the level 3B license that adds administrator-specific education and licensing, but waives existing requirements, including those for a background check and teaching experience.

The bill and existing law do not require the department to grant any license to an out-of-state candidate.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Because the department already reviews out-of-state teaching credentials for reciprocity, the bill would require no additional duties from PED and would have no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED raises concerns the bill would not require level 3B reciprocity applicants to undergo a background check. In addition, the department says it administratively requires level 2 and 3 reciprocity candidates to have six years of experience in a school, with at least three of those as a teacher. The department says research finds school administrators are more effective if they have spent time in the classroom. Finally, PED says the bill would create requirements for out-of-state candidates that are different than those for New Mexico candidates.

HG/sb/al