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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Hamilton DATE TYPED: 2-20-01 HB 524  
 SHORT TITLE: Grant and Hidalgo County Vocational High School SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST: Segura

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 150.0			Non-Rec	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education SDE

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 524 appropriates \$150.0 to SDE to study the feasibility of establishing a vocational high school for the Silver and Cobre Consolidated School Districts and the Lordsburg Municipal School District.

#### Significant Issues

Section 22-5-4.8, NMSA 1978 of the Public School Code states, that “a local school board, alone or in cooperation with other boards, may develop a plan for the establishment of an area vocational high school on the campus of a post-secondary educational institution to facilitate sharing of facilities. The plan shall be submitted to the state board of education and the commission on higher education for their approval.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 524 appropriates \$150.0 from the general fund and is non-recurring.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Staff at the SDE will administer the study.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to SDE, some students from Cobre High School are currently providing instructional services through a concurrent enrollment agreement with Western New Mexico University. This may also be a viable alternative for providing career/technical (vocational) education to students of the Silver Consolidated Schools and Lordsburg Municipal Schools, instead of a new institution.

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