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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Robinson DATE TYPED: 03/05/01 HB \_\_\_\_\_  
 SHORT TITLE: Wilson Middle School Reading Program SB 750  
 ANALYST: Gilbert

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 50.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act: HB24, HB33, HB74, HB82, House Joint Memorial 5, and SB4, SB10, SB31, SB40, SB138, SB307, SB436

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files  
 State Department of Education (SDE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 750 appropriates \$50.0 to the State Department of Education (SDE) for expenditure in FY02 to provide reading enhancement programs at Albuquerque’s Wilson middle school.

#### Significant Issues

According to the SDE, New Mexico middle school students are below national averages in reading and this trend has been unchanged during the past several years.

### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Subsequent student performance on the reading portion of the Terra Nova Test and Gates’ reading scores may reflect improved performance in this area.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY02 shall revert to the general fund.

### CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

The following bills relate to improving reading and literacy programs in New Mexico:

**HB24** Statewide Early Childhood Programs

**HB33** Even Start Family Literacy Program

**HJM5** Monitor Statewide Reading Initiative

**SB4** Family literacy services

**SB10** Reading Proficiency by third grade

**SB31** At-risk student outreach program

**SB40** Family literacy services

**SB138** Reading Proficiency by third grade

**SB436** Magdalena Schools Special Reading Program

**SB307** and **HB82** - makes student improvement appropriations.- \$4.0 million is appropriated from the general fund to the state department of education for expenditure in fiscal year 2002 to pay teachers to teach intensive summer education programs emphasizing reading for students in need of assistance.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to the SDE, Wilson middle school's 6<sup>th</sup> grade students averaged 45.4 percentile on the reading portion of the Terra Nova standardized tests. The school's 8<sup>th</sup> graders averaged 50.1 percentile on the reading portion of the Terra Nova. The Gates' reading scores were as follows: 6<sup>th</sup> grade averaged in the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile, 7<sup>th</sup> graders averaged in the 32<sup>nd</sup> percentile, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade averaged in the 28<sup>th</sup> percentile.

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