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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Rodella DATE TYPED: 03/04/01 HB 108  
 SHORT TITLE: One-Bus Contractors status change SB \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANALYST: Segura

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
		See Narrative			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education (SDE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 108 amends Section 22-16-3 NMSA 1978, relating to Public School Transportation.

#### Significant Issues

The bill would allow an individual school bus owner-operator to exercise an option to convert their contract to a fleet operator contract without being required to submit to a competitive bidding process.

According to SDE, individual owner-operators that change their status to a fleet contractor will no longer be considered an employee of the school district and will not be entitled to school district employee benefits including continuation or retirement contributions.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not contain an appropriation.

### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

State Board of Education regulation Requirements for School Bus Contracts and Per Capita Feeder Agreements will require an amendment to convert school bus contracts.

### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

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If House Bill 108 is not enacted, individual owner-operators would be required to bid school bus services when there is a change in contract.

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