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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/2007

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 670

SHORT TITLE Middle School Math Intervention Programs SB _____

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$3,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB-601

Relates to HB 129, SB 140, HB 220, SB 552, SB 32, SB 358, SB 424

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 670 appropriates \$3 million from the general fund to the Public Education Department for the purpose of providing intensive math intervention programs for low-performing middle schools.

The bill also provides for teacher training, a web-based component, connections between home and school and a live web-based math competition.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$3 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC remains concerned with funding initiatives outside of the funding formula as it tends to disqualify school funding and diverts funding away from core educational needs.

Appropriations are contained in the General Appropriations Act that addresses this issue in part by providing funding for math, science and reading summer institutes and professional development.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA notes that in School Year 2005, 65 percent of 4th graders in New Mexico scored at the basic level for achievement in mathematics on the National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP). An additional 19 percent scored at the proficient level and 2 percent at the advanced level of achievement. By 8th grade, these percentages had dropped to 53 percent, 14 percent and 1 percent respectively for basic, proficient and advanced levels of achievement on the math NAEP. The figures for the 2005 NAEP are given because these are the most current scores available.

PED indicates that there is no good information on the effectiveness of web-based instruction, having a home-school connection, or a web-based competition as provided for in SB-601; however, they also indicate that the proposed arrangement in the bill could provide data to help assess such an impact.

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