

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 518

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Tracking Number: .192881.1

Short Title: Mesalands College Athletic Programs

Sponsor(s): Representatives Jimmie C. Hall and Dennis J. Roch

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Bill Summary:

HB 518 makes an appropriation for athletic programs at Mesalands Community College (MCC).

Fiscal Impact:

\$40,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department (HED) for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Substantive Issues:

The analysis of HB 518 by HED suggests that the appropriation would support the Mesalands Rodeo Team (MRT), which is among the top college rodeo teams in the United States.

Background:

HED states that MCC has hosted five annual community college rodeo competitions. There are 49 students on the 2012-2013 MRT representing 15 states and three foreign countries. MRT has won several championships and has set national records in this sport.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

SB 499 *Mesalands College Athletic Programs*