

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HM 45

51st Legislature, 1st Session, 2013

Tracking Number: .192070.1

Short Title: Align Education with Available Employment

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Bill Summary:

HM 45 resolves that the Economic Development Department (EDD), the Workforce Solutions Department (WSD), the Public Education Department (PED), the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico, and the Arrowhead Center at New Mexico State University coordinate efforts to align education and training provided to students to the types of employment available in the state.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

Background:

According to PED, in 2012 the Governor issued Executive Order 2012-022, *Creating the Employability Partnership of New Mexico*. The partnership was made up of WSD, EDD, the Higher Education Department, PED, and the Human Services Department along with members from the business community. The order, provided that workforce-related programs and education programs, which currently reside in five different government agencies, should be coordinated to maximize resources to create efficiency. In particular, the order states that the education and workforce systems should work together to produce a workforce consisting of people who have the required skills and work ethic to succeed.

According to EDD, in 2006 the Governor created a Workforce Coordinating Council with an almost identical mission as that set forth in HM 45. The 2006 Council ultimately completed a workbook, brochures, and posters identifying several “career clusters” representing industry sectors the EDD was targeting for growth and identifying sectors that were already growing. A website was developed with the purpose of assisting students to choose degrees aligned with growing business sectors and associated occupations. After completing the workbook and website the group sought an appropriation from the Legislature to maintain and update the materials, but the project was not funded.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

None as of February 21, 2013.