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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Truancy & Dropout Prevention Task Force SM 72

ANALYST Chavez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	Minimal	Minimal			Nonrecurring	Agencies' Operating Budgets

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
 Administrative Office of the District Attorneys (AODA)
 Workforce Solutions Department (WSD)
 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
 Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 72 requests The University of New Mexico Center for Education and Policy Research to appoint a task force to develop and recommend a series of coordinated and cooperative strategies regarding truancy and dropout issues. The task force would report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Education Study Committee and the Legislative Finance Committee no later than November 30, 2014.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the memorial, during the 2011-2012 school year, 51,034 public school students in the state were habitually truant.

As the CYFD notes, truancy and dropout rates play a major role in New Mexico's economic health and growth, and have a strong correlation with juvenile delinquency and future criminality.

The WSD adds that the need for coordinated and cooperative strategies across agencies to impact truancy and the dropout rate is vital as is the partnership between education and workforce.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The PED indicates that their staff is continuing to partner with several state agencies and is implementing several federal grants which address truancy and dropout issues.

The AOC also indicates that there are other initiatives in place that are complimentary to the proposed task force.

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