

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 167

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Tracking Number: .195862.1

Short Title: Bernalillo College Prep Test Program

Sponsor(s): Representative Sheryl M. Williams Stapleton and Others

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Bill Summary:

HB 167 makes an appropriation to provide for an ACT and SAT preparation program and program evaluation in Bernalillo County.

Fiscal Impact:

\$60,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) for expenditure in FY 15. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Substantive Issues:

According to the Martin Luther King Commission, Bernalillo County has a test prep program already operating in five of its 13 public high schools. HB 167 would allow for the program to be implemented in the remaining high schools and charter schools.

Background:

According to an ACT & SAT Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) Three-Year Summary Report for 2009 to 2011 the APS graduating class of 2011 had an enrollment of 4,711 seniors. Of those graduates:

- 2,989 (63 percent) took the ACT; and
- 507 (11 percent) took the SAT.

The report also states that over the last five years:

- the APS average ACT Composite score has been higher than the state and, except for 2007 and 2011, higher or the same as the national average; and
- the APS average Critical Reading and Math SAT scores have been higher than the national scores and always higher than the state's scores, except in 2007 when the APS average score in Critical Reading was the same as the state score.

In 2011, APS test-takers scored 7-points higher than the state on the SAT Critical Reading section, 11-points higher on the Math section, and 5 points higher on the Critical Writing section.

There are numerous online and in-person ACT and SAT prep programs available for students in Bernalillo County.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

None as of February 9, 2014.