

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 274

51st Legislature, 2nd Session, 2014

Tracking Number: .195880.1

Short Title: ABQ Schools Parent Advocacy Project

Sponsor(s): Representatives Christine Trujillo, Elizabeth Thomson, and Emily Kane,
and Others

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Bill Summary:

HB 274 makes an appropriation to establish a parent advocacy project to enhance parent support of failing students in the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS).

Fiscal Impact:

\$580,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Public Education Department (PED) for expenditure in FY 15 and subsequent fiscal years. Unexpended or unencumbered funds do not revert to the General Fund.

Fiscal Issues:

According to the Fiscal Impact Report from the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC), the Executive's budget request includes \$1.5 million for a Parent Portal which has a purpose similar to that in HB 274. The LFC's FY 15 budget recommendation does not appropriate funds for the Parent Portal.

Substantive Issues:

Neither the PED nor APS has provided any information about the parent advocacy project. It is not clear how the appropriation would be used to assist parents to support failing students.

Background:

APS currently provides an online service called i-Parent in 30 middle and high schools in the district. At this portal on the APS website, parents can establish an account and then access information about their child's attendance, grades, homework, and other assignments in order to follow their child's academic progress.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

SB 73 *Adverse Childhood Event Screening & Referrals*