

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** SB 218

**51st Legislature, 2nd Session, 2014**

**Tracking Number:** .195462.3

**Short Title:** Career Technical Student Organizations

**Sponsor(s):** Senator Pete Campos

**Analyst:** James Ball

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**Bill Summary:**

SB 218 makes an appropriation to support six career technical student organizations (CTSOs) to accelerate career technical education (CTE) programs for students statewide.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$400,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for expenditure in FY 15. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

**Fiscal Issues:**

According to the Public Education Department (PED), the Executive's budget request for Workforce Readiness programs is \$500,000. A portion of those funds could be used to provide supplemental support for CTSOs funded from federal sources.

**Substantive Issues:**

PED notes in its analysis of SB 218 that support for CTSOs from the federal Perkins IV award has been cut in half in recent years due to the redirection of funds to other initiatives in order to meet Perkins IV performance measures. SB 218 would restore much of this lost support.

**Background:**

PED states that CTSOs are youth organizations designed to support students in CTE programs, which prepare high school students for postsecondary education or entry into the workforce. Rigorous academic content is tied to technical subject matter, internships, and other cooperative work experiences, which are hallmarks of CTE programs. CTSOs are considered an integral part of CTE in that they help students develop the technical and leadership skills that will enable them to succeed in their chosen career.

The US Department of Education recognizes the following CTSOs:

- Business Professionals of America;
- DECA (an Association of Marketing Students);

- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America;
- Future Business Leaders of America – Phi Beta Lambda;
- Future Educators Association;
- Health Occupations Students of America;
- Future Farmers of America;
- National Young Farmer Educational Association;
- National Postsecondary Agricultural Student Organization;
- SkillsUSA; and
- Technology Student Association.

**Committee Referrals:**

SCC/SEC/SFC

**Related Bills:**

None as of February 6, 2014.