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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Stewart/McSorley **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE School Visual Arts & Physical Ed Standards **SB** 241/aSEC/aSPAC

ANALYST Fernandez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See Fiscal Implications				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee amendment to Senate Bill 241 strikes SEC amendments 2-5, leaving the change of “arts” to “fine arts” and strikes certain words from the bill title that corresponded to removed language stricken in SPAC. The SPAC amendment also strikes language describing “arts” and removes the requirement for PED to update physical education content standards in rule to reflect current nationally recognized standards and practices and for PED to revise and update physical education content standards as they change. This essentially restores the SEC Amendment 2-5.

Synopsis of SEC Amendment

The Senate Education Committee amendment changes the reference of “arts” to “fine arts” and strikes language describing “arts” and removes the requirement for PED to update physical education content standards in rule to reflect current nationally recognized standards and practices and for PED to revise and update physical education content standards as they change.

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 241 amends the Public School Code to add physical education and arts (based on nationally recognized standards for dance, media arts, music, theater and visual arts) to the current requirement for the Public Education Department to adopt academic content and performance standards in grades 1st – 12th.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB241 does not appropriate funds for the addition of physical education and arts to current academic content and performance standards.

PED would need to ensure public schools and school districts are aware of the changes to the Public School Code and provide assistance as necessary. PED indicates that adoption of new content standards requires financial resources be invested in curricular resources/instructional materials, teacher professional development, and new assessment tools and it would be difficult to provide a cost estimate at this time.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB241 requires PED to update physical education content standards in rule to reflect current nationally recognized standards and practices. On a regular basis, PED must also revise and update physical education content standards as they change.

According to DCA, New Mexico Arts and the New Mexico Advisory Council on Arts Education participate in discussions with PED to develop recommendations for national arts education standards adaption in New Mexico. New Mexico Arts currently requires its grant recipients in arts education to follow national standards of excellence.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SB241 does not appropriate funds to cover the administrative cost associated with implementation of this new requirement at PED or the local school district.

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