



N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

Senate Bill 480 (SB480) amends the Public School Code to require the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) to report annually of all school-age students who have not graduated from high school within four years of entering ninth grade, known as out-of-cohort students.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

Substituted March 3, 2025

Senate Education Committee substitute for SB480 expands the report on students who have not graduated high school to all out-of-cohort students who were enrolled in a public school in any one of the preceding four school years (the original required a report only on those enrolled in the immediately preceding year). The substitute also calls for NMPED provide the report "upon request,? whereas the original simply directed NMPED to provide the report to the named entities.

In its substituted form, SB480 amends the Public School Code to require NMPED to create a report annually of the directory information of all school-age students who have not graduated from high school within four years of entering ninth grade, known as out-of-cohort students.

Requires that by July 15th of each school year, NMPED shall create a report of the directory information for all out-of-cohort students who were enrolled in a public school in any one of the immediately preceding four school years. Upon request, NMPED shall provide the report to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED); public post-secondary institutions; school districts or charter schools; and New Mexico-based adult education providers or workforce development programs that provide programming for out-of-cohort students pursuing a high school diploma, equivalency credential, or workforce credentials.

The NMHED's analysis of this bill focuses on the higher education implications of the proposed legislation. Additional insight may be obtained from other agencies' analyses.

#### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB480 does not have an appropriation and may require additional work from NMPED or NMHED.

SB480 would require tracking of all students who do not graduate within four years of starting ninth grade. NMPED already tracks five- and six-year graduation rates.

Upon request, SB480 asks that this data be supplied to NMHED and adult education providers among others, without a mechanism to locate or contact these out-of-cohort students with alternative graduation information and opportunities.

Directory data sent to HEIs as described in SB480 could include personally identifiable information that falls under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

#### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

#### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

#### CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

#### TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

#### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

#### ALTERNATIVES

N/A

#### WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB480 is not passed then the Public School Code would not be amended to require the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) to report annually of all school-age students who have not graduated from high school within four years of entering ninth grade, known as out-of-cohort students to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED); public post-secondary institutions; school districts or charter schools; and New Mexico-based adult education providers or workforce development programs that provide programming for out-of-cohort students pursuing a high school diploma, equivalency credential, or workforce credentials.

#### AMENDMENTS

N/A