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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR <u>Sen. Pope/Rep. Sariñana</u> Educational Opportunity for Military SHORT TITLE <u>Children</u>	LAST UPDATED _____ ORIGINAL DATE <u>3/6/25</u> BILL NUMBER <u>Senate Bill 146</u> ANALYST <u>Mabe</u>
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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT* (dollars in thousands)

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact	No fiscal impact			

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
 *Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From

Public Schools Insurance Authority (NMPSIA)
 Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
 Department of Homeland Security and Emergency (DHSEM)
 Public Education Department (PED)
 Regional Education Cooperatives (REC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 146

Senate Bill 146 (SB146) corrects a reference to the U.S. Code in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military children. It changes “sections” to “chapters” when talking about active military (1209) and National Guard (1211). This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB146 does not contain an appropriation and would have no fiscal impact because it is clarifying existing statutory language.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children is an agreement among all 50 states and Washington D.C. aimed at reducing school transition challenges for military families. It ensures consistent policies to minimize disruptions when students transfer between state school systems or Department of Defense schools. The compact focuses on four key areas:

eligibility, enrollment, placement, and graduation, helping states work together to resolve specific transition issues for military children. New Mexico adopted the compact in May 2010. PED notes that New Mexico has at least 4,200 military connected children in public schools as of fiscal year 2024.

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