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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil DATE TYPED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 668/aSEC

SHORT TITLE Charter School Extracurricular Activities SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			\$387.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of SEC to House Bill 668

The Senate Education Committee Amendment adds home school students to those eligible to participate in extracurricular activities and amends Section 22-8-18 NMSA 1978 (Program Cost Calculation—Local School Board Responsibility) to add a factor of .1 for those charter and home school students participating in extracurricular activities to the calculation of program costs of the school district.

#### Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 668 adds a new section to the Charter Schools Act allowing charter school students to participate in district extracurricular activities, including intramural and intermural sports, if they meet the other eligibility requirements. The student shall participate at the school in the attendance zone in which the child lives.

#### Significant Issues

PED assess under current New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA) guidelines, charter schools must join NMAA and compete against schools of similar size. Many charters have not

chosen to do so but charters in Albuquerque Public Schools have elected to compete against one another.

PED states "it is reported that several charter schools have lost students to the public schools because students want to participate in team sports but are unable to under current NMAA guidelines.

PED adds there are 6,600 students in charter schools grades 7-12.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

PED states, the bill will result in additional costs, such as uniforms, equipment, and transportation to allow charter school students to participate in extracurricular activities but it is unable to estimate the cost.

There are approximately 6,600 charter school students in grades 7-12 and approximately 6,000 home school students. There is no estimate of how many students will chose to participate. If 10 percent participate in extracurricular activities, the program cost would be approximately \$387 thousand. ( $12,600 \times 10 \text{ percent} \times .1 \text{ factor} \times \$3,068.70$ ). If the Legislature chooses not to fund the additional units, then overall unit value will reduced by less than one dollar.

There may be liability issues for home school students participating in extracurricular activities.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The charter school may have to arrange transportation to and from the school where a charter school student chooses to participate in extracurricular activities.

### **POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Will charter schools have to adjust schedules to allow students to participate in extracurricular activities at another school?
2. What procedures will be required to ensure eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities at another school?
3. Who will be responsible for transportation?
4. How will conflicts be resolved?
5. Who pays the costs for uniforms and additional equipment?

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