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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil DATE TYPED 2-28-05 HB 670

SHORT TITLE Browser-Based Computerized Learning System SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$4,000.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Duplicates: Senate Bill 889

Relates to: House Bill 487

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 670 appropriates \$4,000.0 to PED for the development and implementation of a browser-based computerized learning system that aligns public schools' curricula to New Mexico Content Standards and Benchmarks and current adopted textbooks.

The bill mandates that the learning system diagnose students' skill deficiencies automatically and

prepare lesson plans to address those deficiencies and measure objectives by grade level.

Significant Issues

According to PED, school districts are currently required to align curricula to content standards and benchmarks in nine curricular areas. Included in the alignment are an analysis of the extent to which local curricula address the Contents Standards, Benchmarks and Performance Standards, and an analysis of assessment data to determine the degree to which students are achieving those standards and revisions to established curricula as appropriate to the needs of the learners.

A browser-based computerized learning system able to align lessons and assessments to all content standards and textbooks would be a useful tool for classroom teachers.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 670 affects PED core performance measures as follows:

- Implementation of Education Reform Initiatives.
- Parent Involvement
- Reading/Language Arts
- Mathematics

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill appropriates \$4,000.0 from the general fund and is recurring.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

PED staff would be required to coordinate the development of a vendor RFP, oversee the vendor selection process, develop a contract for services and monitor the performance of the selected contractor.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to House Bill 487, and duplicates Senate Bill 889

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Although the legislation addresses the alignment of curricula in reading, writing, language arts, algebra, mathematics and English language learner programs, it is unclear to what extent other content standards and benchmarks will be included in the learning system.

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