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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Tsosie DATE TYPED 3-10-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE School Bus Routes for all District Students SB 1038/aSIAC

ANALYST Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			\$5,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Amendment

The Senate Indian and Cultural Affairs Committee amended Senate Bill 1038 as follows:

- The amendment re-titles the legislation on page 1, line 11 which is technical in nature and does not change the original intent of the bill.
- On page 2, line 21, the amendment strikes most of Item E under Section 1, and inserts new language that clarifies the original intent of the bill and adds an arbitration option.
- The remaining items are technical in nature to agree with the changes proposed by the amendment.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 1038 amends Section 22-16-4 NMSA 1978.

Senate Bill 1038 adds the following:

- A local school district shall provide school bus transportation for any child attending the schools of the district regardless of whether the location of the student's residence is within or outside of the local school district.
- School bus routes shall be maintained by a local school district pursuant to Subsection B of this section for students residing within or outside of the local school district, if the student attends a school of the local school district.

Significant Issues

According to PED, if Senate Bill 1038 is enacted it would make school transportation an entitlement for all students attending the districts' schools and would require districts to transport students to school, regardless of residency.

Transportation funds in accordance with section 22-8-26 NMSA 1978 are distributed only for the purpose of making payments to each school district for the to-and-from school transportation costs of students in grades K-12 attending public school within the school district.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Bill 1038 does not contain an appropriation. According to PED, transportation services would increase by approximately 5 % for an estimated FY06 cost impact of \$5,000.0.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

PED would administer the program through the transportation division.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 1038 conflicts with Section 22-8-26 NMSA 1978.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

PED indicates that currently districts are authorized to establish temporary transportation boundary agreements with adjoining school districts for the purpose of providing school transportation services to students residing out-of-district.

Senate Bill 1038 does not address if Per Capita Feeder (mileage reimbursements) to parents may be utilized.

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