

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: HB 19

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Short Title: Children's Art & Education Programs

Sponsor(s): Representatives Peter Wirth and Jim R. Trujillo

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Bill Summary:

HB 19 appropriates funds to the cultural affairs department to contract with a children's museum in Santa Fe for children's art and education programs.

Fiscal Impact:

\$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund for FY 08. The bill contains a reversion clause.

Issues:

The bill analysis provided by the Cultural Affairs Department states that the museum program in HB 19 provides Santa Fe public school children of ages two to eight with the opportunity to have high-quality, hands-on experiences with age-appropriate arts and other education programs.

The Santa Fe Children's Museum states that its school visit program provides a dynamic educational setting where all types of informal learning occur. Cognitive, physical, and social-emotional development can be observed within the museum's environment. The museum describes its primary goal as being for children to understand themselves as learners and to have successful learning experiences.

The museum offers several on-site programs, which include:

- Environmental Education: daily outdoors and greenhouse programs that invite museum visitors to explore the natural world; and
- Artists in the Museum: professional artists guide children through hands-on activities in the visual or performing arts, often incorporating recycled and found objects into their work.

Related Bills:

None