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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/08/2007

SPONSOR Jennings LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Southeast NM Math Career Initiative SB 358

ANALYST Aguilar

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 109, HB 129, HB 147, HB 220, SB 024, SB 032, SB 140, SB 256

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 358 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to the Public Education Department for the purpose of providing funding to the Dexter, Lake Arthur, Hagerman, Hondo Valley, Artesia and Roswell public school districts to encourage students to choose math as a career.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC remains concerned with funding initiatives outside of the funding formula as it tends to disqualify school funding and diverts funding away from core educational needs.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill provides for school to contract with talented mathematicians to provide this service. The lessons will be designed to provide practical strategies that enable students to improve memory, mental capacity and flexibility in solving mathematical problems.

The bill includes provisions for the mathematicians to provide workshops for teachers to assist them in improving their instructional practices.

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