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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3-7-2007

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SHORT TITLE Study Teacher Attendance and Substitutes SJM 19

ANALYST Dearing

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$15.0		\$15.0		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis Joint Memorial

Senate Joint Memorial 19 requests the Legislative Education Study Committee to conduct a study on the current substitute teaching environment within the State, to include: salary, qualifications, benefits, statewide frequency of their use, availability, parental notification, and duration of duty. Senate Joint Memorial 19 would also require a study of effective methods of increasing regular teachers' classroom attendance in conjunction with the necessity of ongoing professional development. Senate Joint Memorial 19 requires recommendations to improve teacher attendance in order to improve student achievement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Memorial 19 carries no appropriation. If enacted, the legislation would create an estimated \$15 thousand budgetary impact to assign staff to conduct the study.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

- December 2006, a group was formed to examine the issue of substitutes. This group represented geographical locations from throughout the state. The membership representation included principals, unions and other groups impacted by this issue.
- Other identified differences are the rate of pay, amount of training and classroom observation time required.
- 6.63.10 NMAC guides substitute teacher licensure. Recommendations that are a result of examining substitute requirements can potentially amend 6.63.10 NMAC

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According to the department of Finance and Administration, during the current school year, the PED professional licensure unit indicates that there are approximately 11,000 licensed substitute teachers across the state. According to PED, their compensation ranges from \$45/day to over \$80/day; however, there continues to be a shortage of substitutes to cover classrooms during teacher absences.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS/ AMENDMENTS

Senate Joint Memorial does not impose a reporting requirement. The memorial could be amended to require reporting to the Legislature, or a standing committee.

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