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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 7, in an effort to expand summer food service programs for eligible children, advocates the preparation of survey on the feasibility of summer food service. All eligible school districts must present feasibility studies by September 1, 2007, and present to the Children, Youth and Families Department and the Public Education Department. Furthermore the Governor requests both departments to prepare a feasibility study for the Governor and the appropriate legislative committee by October 30, 2007.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Memorial 7 has no fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Low-income children are eligible to receive meals through the National School and Breakfast Programs when summer school starts as a Seamless Summer Program at a lower reimbursement rate through the PED, and as a Traditional Summer Food Service Program at a higher reimbursement rate through CYFD. The organizations that can be approved for summer meals are school districts, governmental entities, private nonprofits, residential camps and youth sports camps. Meals can also be served in boys' and girls' clubs, community centers, parks, playgrounds and school cafeterias. Forty percent or more of children eligible for free or reduced meals during the school year can qualify to receive summer meals. Less than 50% of New Mexico school districts administer a summer food program. New Mexico is ranked first in the nation in food insecurity and third in hunger.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

By potentially enhancing the Public Education Department's Summer Seamless Programs, this Memorial may lead to increase USDA funding and feeding hungry children during the summer months.

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