

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: HB 207

48th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2008

Short Title: Los Lunas Teacher Training & Development

Sponsor(s): Representative Elias Barela

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Bill Summary:

HB 207 appropriates funds for the training and professional development of teachers in Los Lunas Public Schools.

Fiscal Impact:

\$50,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Public Education Department (PED) for FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

Separate appropriations to specific schools or school districts for operational expenditures circumvent the Public School Funding Formula, which provide operational funds for all school districts, and may compromise the equity of the formula.

The Legislature has appropriated funds to support the Los Lunas college readiness and high school redesign initiative for two years as follows:

- in 2006, \$80,000 was appropriated in SB 415, the *Junior General Appropriation Act*; and
- in 2007, a total of \$365,000 was appropriated, including:
 - \$210,000 in the *General Appropriation Act of 2007*; and
 - \$155,000 in SB 611, the *Junior General Appropriation Act*.

According to PED, Los Lunas has used a significant portion of the funding for the redesign initiative to implement the 9th and 10th Grade Academies and to start planning for 11th and 12th Grade Academies, including the purchase of new curricula, Ramp Up to Algebra and Read 180.

Issues:

- According to Los Lunas Public Schools, the funding provided in HB 207 would support the district's efforts to build a system-wide approach to improving instruction and to adopt and implement new strategies for professional development. It would also provide professional development to teachers for:
 - implementation of a new K-6 mathematics curriculum; and
 - alignment of curricula at the secondary level to prepare students to take advanced placement and college preparatory classes.

Related Bill:

HB 124 *Los Lunas Schools High School Redesign*