

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill No:** HB 345

**48th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2008**

**Short Title:** House District 68 Student Creativity Training

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Thomas A. Garcia

**Analyst:** James Ball

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**Bill Summary:**

HB 345 makes an appropriation to contract for providing creativity training through class work and assemblies in public schools in House of Representatives District 68.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$10,000 is appropriated to the Public Education Department (PED) for expenditure in FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

**Issues:**

According to the PED's analysis of HB 345, creativity training would be provided in public schools in Colfax, Guadalupe, Mora, San Miguel and Taos Counties. Students, teachers, parents and community members would benefit from a creative education program that supports recognition and celebration of the diversity of culture in New Mexico. Activities would include design, movement, choreography, storytelling, and valuing one's own and others' cultures. The foundation for appreciation and learning through the arts is laid in New Mexico's Content Standards for the Arts.

**Related Bills:**

HB 53 *Santa Fe Performing Arts School Programs*

HB 92 *Santa Fe Dance Education Programs*

SB141 *Las Cruces Youth Dance Programs*

SB 195 *Children's Art & Education Programs*

SB 238 *Grant & Socorro County Dance Education*

SB 277 *Character-Building Dance Program*

SB 359 *Character-Building Dance Program*