

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: HB 425

48th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2008

Short Title: Mountainair After-School Learning Centers

Sponsor(s): Representative Rhonda S. King

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Bill Summary:

HB 425 makes an appropriation for after-school learning centers in the Mountainair Public Schools.

Fiscal Impact:

\$225,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Public Education Department (PED) for FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

Issues:

According to the PED's analysis of HB 425, funds appropriated in HB 425 will be used to supplement federal funds for 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) in the Mountainair Public Schools. The 21st CCLC federal grant funding is provided to grantees for a period of five years. Mountainair is in its last year of federal funding.

PED states that the purpose of the 21st CCLC program is to provide opportunities for academic enrichment, including tutorial services to help students in high-poverty areas and those who attend low-performing schools meet state and local student performance standards in core academic subjects such as reading and mathematics. The centers are also required to provide a broad array of youth development activities and parent literacy for parents of students enrolled in the program.

Currently there are twenty-nine 21st CCLC programs in New Mexico. The Legislature appropriated \$1.5 million for these programs in FY 08, of which \$97,000 went to Mountainair. Mountainair has a 2008 federal appropriation of \$120,000. The House Appropriations and Finance Committee Substitute for HB 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10 appropriates \$3.5 million from the General Fund to PED for the after-school enrichment program, including \$1.8 million for 21st Century Community Learning Centers statewide.

Related Bills:

HB 427 *21st Century After-School Programs*

HB 492 *Española After-School Programs*

HB 501 *Pojoaque After-School Programs*