

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: HB 506

48th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2008

Short Title: Character Building Youth Dance Program

Sponsor(s): Representative Ben Lujan and Others

Analyst: James Ball

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Bill Summary:

HB 506 makes an appropriation to support character-building youth dance programs in partnership with school districts statewide.

Fiscal Impact:

\$300,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) for FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

Issues:

According to CYFD's analysis of similar bills, evidence suggests that youth who are involved in activities such as sports, music, and drama help build a sense of self-worth and self-respect. They consistently show lower rates of substance use and gang involvement. They may also demonstrate healthier functioning on such indicators as academic achievement, psychological adjustment, and improved quality and quantity of interactions with their parents.

Related Bills:

HB 53 *Santa Fe Performing Arts School Programs*
HB 226 *African-American Performing Arts Center Act*
HB 287 *Native American Cultural Performances*
*SB 34 *New Mexico School for the Arts Act*
SB 141 *Las Cruces Youth Dance Programs*
SB 180 *Statewide Orchestral Education Outreach*
SB 194 *Santa Fe Dance Festival*
SB 261 *Chimayo-Area Programs*
SB 277 *Character-Building Dance Program*
SB 359 *Character-Building Dance Program*
SB 368 *Santa Fe Performing Arts Program*