

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: HB 53

48th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2008

Short Title: Santa Fe Performing Arts School Programs

Sponsor(s): Representative Peter Wirth

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Bill Summary:

HB 53 appropriates funds to the Department of Cultural Affairs to fund mainstage performing arts productions performed by and for children; classes for children in all of the performing arts disciplines; educational outreach programs in the performing arts that have a bilingual component; and operational expenses for a performing arts theater in Santa Fe County.

Fiscal Impact:

\$25,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Affairs for expenditure in FY 09 for educational performing arts programs for children and for operating expenses for a performing arts theater in Santa Fe County. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 09 reverts to the General Fund.

Issues:

According to an analysis of HB 53 by the Department of Cultural Affairs, the appropriation would support initiatives, such as those undertaken by the Santa Fe Performing Arts Company & School. If the appropriation is made by the Legislature, the department will issue a request for proposals.

The Santa Fe Performing Arts Company & School states that its mission is to give our young people a vehicle for self-discovery and expression; to provide a well-rounded training in the performing arts disciplines; and to reach out to the community, particularly to those children who cannot reach us. According to the school's website, it offers educational programming throughout the year, including on-site programs.

Related Bill:

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