

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: SB 107

48th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2008

Short Title: Student Education At Pro Basketball Games

Sponsor(s): Senator James G. Taylor

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Bill Summary:

SB 107 makes an appropriation to purchase and distribute tickets for learning at the game events for students at semiprofessional basketball games.

Fiscal Impact:

\$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Sports Authority Division at the Tourism Department for FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

Issues:

While purchasing basketball game tickets for students could be interpreted as substituting state funds for private funds, which might violate the anti-donation clause of the New Mexico Constitution, an educational purpose of "learning at the game" is specified in the bill.

Related Bills:

None to date.