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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/08

SPONSOR Maestas LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 314

SHORT TITLE Bernalillo County Youth Sports Programs SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 314, Making an Appropriation for Youth Sports Programs in Bernalillo County, appropriates \$100.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of youth sports programs in the Old Town Section of Bernalillo County.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED notes that:

- Obesity has become a major public health issue in the United States with more than 9 million children and adolescents (17%) now considered overweight (Robert Wood Johnson, 2007).
- Scientists have found that vigorous exercise can cause older nerve cells to form dense,

interconnected webs that make the brain run faster and more efficiently. There are clues that physical activity can stave off the beginnings of Alzheimer's disease, ADHD and other cognitive disorders. Regardless of age, a strong, active body is crucial for building a strong, active mind (Newsweek, 2007).

- Increasing physical activity will increase levels of physical fitness, and higher levels of physical fitness are associated with improved academic performance (Action for Healthy Kids, 2004).
- Fewer than 25% of American children get at least 30 minutes of any type of physical activity everyday ( Action for Healthy Kids, 2003).
- Increased participation in sport activities may increase attendance rates.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Students who participate in the youth sports program in Old Town of Bernalillo County may show increased participation in sport activities, increased levels of physical activity, reduced chronic health risks, increased school attendance rates and improved academic performance. Schools attended by these students may see reduced truancy and dropout rates, leading to a reduced loss of state funds, and may experience an increase in Adequate Yearly Progress.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

PED notes that the location of the Old Town section of Bernalillo County is unclear.

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