

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (legis.state.nm.us). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Salazar	ORIGINAL DATE	2/1/08	HM	47
		LAST UPDATED		SB	
SHORT TITLE	"Adult Basic Education & Literacy Day"			SB	
		ANALYST	Shaya		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 47 makes Friday, February 1, 2008 be declared "Adult Basic Education and Literacy Day" at the New Mexico House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Implication

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Memorial 47 makes the following statements about adult literacy;

- High levels of adult literacy and a prosperous future go hand in hand; and
- More than forty percent of New Mexico's adults have literacy issues that severely affect their lives and those of their families, their ability to work productively and their full participation as citizens and residents of the state; and
- New Mexico's community colleges, universities and volunteer and community-based organizations provided more than one million three hundred thousand instructional hours of basic skills and literacy services to more than thirty thousand adults during the 2006-2007 program year, with the result that one thousand eight hundred forty adult education students received their GEDs, nine hundred sixty enrolled in post-secondary education or training, eight hundred forty-two entered employment and one thousand one hundred sixty-seven retained employment; and
- The higher education department, the New Mexico adult education association, New Mexico's adult basic education programs and New Mexico's community-based and nonprofit literacy organizations are jointly committed to eradicating illiteracy in our state; and
- Without this adult basic education and literacy system, adult New Mexicans would not be able to access the services and benefits of citizenship that are due them;