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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/08

SPONSOR Grubestic LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Community Programs SB 245

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 245 appropriates \$1,000.0 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department to contract for the provision of a community concert series, a community lecture series, peer education of high school and college-aged students and conflict resolution programs, as well as documentary and history projects, efforts to attract movie production to Santa Fe and other support for local continuing education programs in the Santa Fe area.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,000.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

This request was not submitted to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY09.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED states that the department does not see a clear connection between its mission and the SB245 request. The department would find it very difficult to develop performance measures for the program and activities listed in the bill. SB245 attempts to cover a broad list of programs and activities that are seemingly unrelated. The appropriation lacks focus regarding a targeted need in the Santa Fe community and a targeted population to benefit from the programs and activities mentioned in the bill. For instance, peer education and conflict resolution programs for high school and college-aged (not enrolled) students are mentioned along with attracting movie production. These programs would fall under education, more likely public schools, and economic development respectively. NMHED is not a likely oversight agency for SB245.

The HED notes also that it has no flow through mechanism in place to allocate or spend the requested funds.

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