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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/04/08

SPONSOR Nava LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Fiesta Educativa Parent Conference & Outreach SB 327

ANALYST Escudero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$15.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: \$15.0 in SB 611 of 2007

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 327 appropriates \$15.0 to the Public Education Department (PED) for Fiesta Educativa, a parent conference and outreach activity for special needs' children in the Gadsden Independent Schools. The conference provides education for parents of special needs' children, brings together efforts from various agencies that provide screenings for children that may need early intervention and offers booths for service providers for special needs' populations. All materials and services are offered in Spanish and English.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$15.0 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.

Minimal fiscal impact for the Public Education Department (PED).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Research has demonstrated that early intervention can improve the functioning and performance of special needs students in academic achievement.

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