

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: HB 206

49th Legislature, 1st Session, 2009

Short Title: Pueblo Early Childhood Education

Sponsor(s): Representative James R. Madalena and Others

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Bill Summary:

HB 206 makes an appropriation to provide early childhood education for preschool children residing in the pueblos of Cochiti, Santa Ana, and Zia.

Fiscal Impact:

\$50,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department (IAD) for FY 10.

HB 206 contains a reversion clause.

Fiscal Issues:

IAD reports that, as a recipient of federal Head Start Program (HSP) funding, the pueblos are required to obtain and document the receipt of 20 percent matching funds from third-party in-kind contributions, such as an appropriation by a state legislature.

Issues:

According to IAD, particular items to be funded by HB 206 include costs associated with transportation of HSP children to and from each program center, playground renovation to comply with the *Americans with Disabilities Act*, and repair of sidewalks that were deemed unsafe in a recent Indian Health Service safety assessment. These items are in addition to costs associated with maintaining compliance with HSP performance standards.

Background:

According to the IAD, the pueblos of Cochiti, Santa Ana, and Zia participate in a regional nonprofit HSP under the federal Office of Head Start. The HSP is required to provide a broad and comprehensive range of services to children, including children with disabilities, between the ages of 3 and 5. These services must include:

- health and development services;
- education and early childhood development;
- health and safety;
- nutrition;
- mental health;
- family and community partnerships;

- program governance;
- facilities/materials/equipment; and
- procedures to address deficiencies and any necessary quality improvement plans.

According to the Public Education Department, enrollment in HSP in the three pueblos is as follows:

- Cochiti Head Start: 14
- Santa Ana Head Start: 20
- Zia Head Start: 17.

Related Bills:

None as of 1-27-2009.