

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill No: SB 168

49th Legislature, 1st Session, 2009

Short Title: Gadsden Community Education Center

Sponsor(s): Senators Cynthia Nava and Mary Jane M. Garcia

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Bill Summary:

SB 168 makes an appropriation to establish the Gadsden Community Education Center at the San Miguel Elementary School in Gadsden Independent Schools.

Fiscal Impact:

\$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents at New Mexico State University (NMSU) for FY 10.

SB 168 contains a reversion clause.

Issues:

According to the Higher Education Department (HED), the vision of the proposed center is to provide residents of the San Miguel community with opportunities to achieve high levels of education and access to services with the assistance of university staff, teachers, parents, businesses, and community partners in a community center housed at the local elementary school. This request was submitted by NMSU to HED for review, but is not recommended for funding for FY 10.

Background:

According to HED, the Office of the Vice Provost for University Engagement at NMSU believes that the Gadsden Community Education Center will:

- establish a leadership process for coordinated exchange and dissemination of education and human service information;
- provide for trained individuals to coordinate cooperative efforts of local and state agencies and stakeholders;
- be receptive and sensitive to local needs to expand community involvement and participation;
- serve as a local referral agent for comprehensive program development; and
- promote effective and efficient delivery of education and human services.

Given these priorities, the proposed center has similar goals to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers and some after-school programs.

Related Bills:

SB 96 *Taos After-School Program*

HB 80 *Taos County After-School Program*