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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Ortiz y Pino	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	02/06/09 HB			
SHORT TITI	LE Charter School	Governing Body Training	SB	148		
			ANALYST	Varela		
APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)						

Appropr	iation	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION LFC Files

Responses Received From Public Education Department (PED) Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 148 provides that the Public Education Department (PED) develop a mandatory training course for all charter school governing body members.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill contains no appropriation and has no fiscal impact on the general fund. PED states that charter schools may need to use their budget funds to attend the training sessions.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED reports that Senate Bill 148 mirrors the mandatory training provisions of local school board members in 22-5-13 NMSA. The legislation would require the PED to develop a training course for all governing body members of charter schools that explains PED rules, policies and procedures, statutory powers and duties of governing boards, legal concepts, finance and budget, and other matters that the PED deems relevant. This bill would require the PED to notify the governing body members of the training.

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Currently, there is not a statutory requirement for charter school governing members to attend any training. There are currently 74 charter schools with governing council members that volunteer to be members of the council. Consequently, there is no uniformity to the qualifications or knowledge of governing body members. This legislation would provide training to the members in a uniform and consistent manner.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This legislation would support the PED's strategy that addresses the coordination and monitoring of the Charter School Act.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

PED would need to publish a rule to support the legislation. Currently 22-5-13 NMSA is supported in rule 6.30.2.10(4) NMAC.

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