

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 339

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Short Title: Annual Educator Accountability Report Date

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

Bill Summary:

HB 339 amends the *School Personnel Act* to change the annual educator accountability report due date from November 1 to July 1 of each year. The effective date of the bill is January 1, 2014.

Fiscal Impact:

HB 339 makes no appropriation.

Substantive Issues:

According to the New Mexico State University (NMSU), HB 339 reduces the duplication of effort to collect data and reports. The bill furthermore allows for more efficiency in teacher education program reporting and will align the educator accountability report with other reporting timelines so that the programs will no longer aggregate data on two different time cycles, according to NMSU.

During the 2012 interim, the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC) heard testimony from Dr. Jerry Harmon, Dean of the College of Education at Eastern New Mexico University, who testified in support of changing the due date for the annual Educator Accountability Reporting System (EARS) report from November 1 to July 1 of each year. A July 1 due date, Dr. Harmon said, would enable New Mexico deans and directors of education institutions to align EARS reporting with Title II and National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education accreditation reporting. It would also allow timelier reporting of the results of the teaching assessments conducted every year in January, Dr. Harmon added.

Background:

- In 2007, LESC-endorsed legislation was enacted to amend the *School Personnel Act* to establish a uniform statewide teacher education accountability reporting system to measure and track teacher education candidates from pre-entry to post-graduation in order to benchmark the productivity and accountability of New Mexico's educator workforce.

- In 2009, the act was amended again to add candidates for administrative licensure to the system, changing the name of the reporting system to the educator accountability reporting system, or EARS.
- Current law requires the Public Education Department (PED) to work in collaboration with teacher preparation programs, the institutions that offer those programs, and the Higher Education Department to provide a report for each institution and an annual statewide report to the Governor, legislators, and other policymakers and business and economic development organizations by November 1 of each year. More specifically, the law requires:
 - **public postsecondary teacher and administrator preparation programs** to produce an annual EARS report that includes student demographic and outcome data, information about program characteristics and student qualifications, itemized information on program revenues and expenditures, and an evaluation plan;
 - **PED**, in collaboration with higher education representatives, to:
 - design the reporting system;
 - require the data to be reported through the Student Teacher Accountability Reporting System;
 - use EARS to assess the status of the pre-kindergarten through post-graduate (P-20) system of education; and
 - issue an annual statewide EARS report; and
 - **each public postsecondary educational institution** to adopt the annual report for its teacher education programs.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

None as of February 14, 2013