

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SB 362

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Short Title: Santa Fe Performing Arts Program

Sponsor(s): Senator Phil A. Griego

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Bill Summary:

SB 362 makes an appropriation to contract for a performing arts program for students ages six through 16 in the Santa Fe Public School (SFPS).

Fiscal Impact:

\$20,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Public Education Department (PED) for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Substantive Issues:

According to PED, the appropriation would allow SFPS to increase its capacity to serve children ages six through 16 in performance arts programs.

Background:

Currently the SFPS has partnerships with several performing arts organizations in Santa Fe. One of these is the Santa Fe Concert Association (SFCA), which offers the following programs:

- Bravo! Kids – Through this program professional music experiences are made available to students through in-school performances and master classes with visiting artists and ensembles including dancers from the New York City Ballet, the Harlem String Quartet, pianist Lang Lang, the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, and the Romeros Guitar Quartet.
- Sostenuto Program – This program supports the orchestra, band, and choral programs in the Santa Fe Public Schools, the New Mexico School for the Arts, and the Santa Fe Youth Symphony. The program pays professional, community-based musicians to provide student musicians and ensembles with in-school group lessons and coaching throughout the school year.
- All-City Concerts – The SFCA fully underwrites the SFPS to present band and choral concerts onstage at the Lensic Performing Arts Center every year. Over 200 students from all the public high schools and middle schools participate in these performances.
- SFCA Summer Program – Musicians from the SFCA work with selected public high school choral students, preparing them for their All-State solos and other competitions.

Another SFPS partnership for performing arts is with the National Dance Institute of New Mexico (NDI-NM). The statewide outreach program of the NDI-NM partners with public schools throughout New Mexico to provide dance classes as part of each school's regular curriculum. A certified NDI-NM instructor and professional pianist teach every class. At the conclusion of each program, students celebrate and share their successes through a performance or assembly attended by family, friends, peers, and community members.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

None as of February 15, 2013.