

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SB 534

51st Legislature, 1st Session, 2013

Tracking Number: .192835.1

Short Title: Pecos School Uniforms

Sponsor(s): Senator Phil A. Griego

Analyst: James Ball

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Bill Summary:

SB 534 makes an appropriation to pay for uniforms for the Pecos Public Schools.

Fiscal Impact:

\$25,000 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.

Fiscal Issues:

Separate appropriations to specific schools or school districts for operational expenditures circumvent the Public School Funding Formula, which provides operational funds for all school districts, and they may compromise the equity of the formula.

Substantive Issues:

The analysis of SB 534 by the Public Education Department (PED) views SB 534 as a capital outlay project. PED states that the appropriation would affect the offset of the school district provided in statute under a provision that was enacted to help equalize capital funding across all New Mexico school districts. The law provides that the Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) must reduce any grant amounts awarded to a school district by a percentage of all direct non-operational legislative appropriations for that district. Under this provision, a school district keeps the total amount of a direct appropriation, but capital outlay grant awards subsequently awarded by the PSCOC are reduced by the offset. In the case of the Pecos school district, PED indicates that the district's offset for a future PSCOC project would be \$13,500 as a result of this appropriation.

Committee Referrals:

SEC/SFC

Related Bills:

None as of 3/1/2013.