

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SJM 47

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Tracking Number: .193001.1

Short Title: Use Approving Agencies for Veteran Bills

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Bill Summary:

SJM 47 requests that the New Mexico congressional delegation utilize the New Mexico State Approving Agency (SAA) and the National Association of State Approving Agencies when legislation is being considered that could impact the education benefits for New Mexico veterans.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

Substantive Issues:

According to the Fiscal Impact Report of the Legislative Finance Committee on the identical HJM 3, the Department of Veterans Services (DVS) notes that the SAA, a division of DVS, is responsible for the review, evaluation, and approval of education and training programs for military veterans. The SAA conducts supervisory visits to institutions and schools seeking Veterans Administration approval for programs, and it provides technical assistance to all parties interested in veterans' education. These programs are located in colleges and universities as well as at vocational and technical schools. They include apprenticeship programs and other on-the-job training programs, including flight schools. Considering the expertise that the SAA has regarding veteran education programs, this report continues, it is appropriate for the congressional delegation to use the SAA as a technical advisor when contemplating changes to federal veteran education benefits.

Committee Referrals:

SRC/SEC

Related Bills:

HJM 3 *Use Approval Agencies for Veterans' Bills*