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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/05/13

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE “Disability History & Awareness Month” SJM 27

ANALYST Chabot

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	TBD					School District Operating Budgets

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses received from

Governor’s Commission on Disabilities (GCD)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 27 resolves that the month of October be designated “Disability History and Awareness Month” and the board of each school district and the governing body of each charter school be encourage to provide disability history and awareness in grades K-12; that disability instruction include events and time lines of the development and evolution of services and civil rights of individuals with disabilities and recognize the contributions of specific individuals with disabilities; that disability awareness instruction be integrated in school curricula and the PED public education system promote activities to provide education and awareness of individuals with disabilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be costs to school districts and higher educational institutions in promoting Disability History and Awareness Month. PED states the memorial will cause school districts and charter schools to either purchase curriculum materials or develop their own from free resources such as the internet. In addition, this requirement will affect K-12 school operations by placing additional lesson plans, units, or assemblies in the curriculum for October.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

GCD reports the New Mexico Disability Youth Leaders have made presentation to students and the general public so they have a better understanding of disability. They have prepared a curriculum, which can be used for students K-4 that has been piloted in a number of schools and deemed to the New Mexico Public School standards by the Albuquerque Public Schools.

GCD suggests the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Commission for the Blind, Brain Injury Advisory Council and the GCD work together to implement Disability History and Awareness events throughout October in New Mexico.

LFC staff suggests the disability groups should work with PED to establish a program that can be made available to school boards and districts.

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