

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** HB 172

**51st Legislature, 2nd Session, 2014**

**Tracking Number:** .195892.1

**Short Title:** Mesalands CC Athletic Programs

**Sponsor(s):** Representative Dennis J. Roch and Others

**Analyst:** James Ball

**Date:** February 11, 2014

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**Bill Summary:**

HB 172 makes an appropriation for athletic programs at Mesalands Community College (MCC).

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$75,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department (HED) for expenditure in FY 15. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

**Fiscal Issues:**

According to HED, this funding request was submitted by HED for review. HED recommended no increase in funding for this project. FY 14 appropriation for this program is \$59,900.

**Substantive Issues:**

The analysis of HB 172 by HED suggests that the appropriation would support the Mesalands Rodeo Team (MRT), which is among the top college rodeo teams in the United States.

**Background:**

HED states that MCC has hosted five annual community college rodeo competitions. MRT has won several championships and has set national records in this sport.

**Committee Referrals:**

HEC/HAFC

**Related Bills:**

None as of February 11, 2014.