

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number:** SB 192

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

**Tracking Number:** .195778.1

**Short Title:** Brain Education Advanced Learning Program

**Sponsor(s):** Senators Linda M. Lopez, Michael Padilla, and William P. Soules

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**Bill Summary:**

SB 192 makes an appropriation for New Mexico State University (NMSU) to conduct a professional development pilot project to train public school teachers statewide in brain education.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$500,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU for expenditure in FY 15. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

**Fiscal Issues:**

According to the Higher Education Department (HED) this funding request was not submitted by NMSU to HED for review.

**Substantive Issues:**

HED states that the Brain Education program would conduct a basic level pilot training at three schools in 2014, including:

- teacher workshop for training of trainers;
- weekly classes provided by certified brain education instructors; and
- supplemental parent workshops.

**Background:**

According to a memorandum submitted during the interim to the Legislative Education Study Committee, the brain education basic program consists of a series of 15 weekly lessons lasting 45-60 minutes each, along with daily routines that involve physical, emotional, and cognitive exercises designed to improve focus, creativity, memory, confidence, stress management, and physical health. Brain education can be delivered either by teachers who have participated in a three-day training program or by certified brain education instructors.

**Committee Referrals:**

SCC/SEC/SFC

**Related Bills:**

None as of 2/4/2014.