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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Candelaria **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/28/14
LAST UPDATED 01/28/14 **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Computer Programming as School Language **SB** 148

ANALYST Armstrong

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY14 | FY15 | | |
| | NFI | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 148 amends the Public School Code, specifically Sections 22-13-1, 22-13-1.1, and 22-13-1.4, to expressly allow school districts to offer a course in modern, widely used computer programming language to satisfy non-English language requirements.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Under current high school graduation requirements, students must complete one unit in a career cluster course, workplace readiness, or a language other than English. While statute does not preclude a computer programming course from satisfying this requirement as a language other than English, SB 148 ensures that such a course does fulfill the requirement.

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