

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SM 2

52nd Legislature, 1st Session, 2015

Tracking Number: .198802.1

Short Title: College Students as 3rd Grade Reading Mentors

Sponsor(s): Senators Linda M. Lopez and Nancy Rodriguez

Analyst: James Ball

Date: February 12, 2015

Bill Summary:

SM 2 resolves that:

- the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC), in cooperation with the Public Education Department (PED) and the Higher Education Department (HED), be requested to establish a work group to report on the feasibility of creating a mentoring and tutoring program for third grade students with college students serving as mentors;
- the feasibility study include a needs assessment, implementation plan, and fiscal impact analysis with measurable outcome data applicable to the various populations of New Mexico;
- the work group be composed of:
 - an equal number of New Mexico resident college students from community-based colleges and universities; and
 - leaders from the public and private sector representing:
 - science;
 - industry;
 - education;
 - community organizations;
 - foundations;
 - government; and
 - health and welfare programs.
- the LESC, in cooperation with PED, HED, and the work group, report the results of their study and their recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor before the 2016 legislative session; and
- copies of SM 2 be transmitted to the director of the LESC and the secretaries of PED and HED.

Finally, SM 2 identifies a particular program that might meet the needs and criteria described in the memorial: MATCH New Mexico, an international model adapted in 25 countries that “has shown positive benefits for both mentors and their mentees.” According to SM 2, this model has been used successfully in Santa Fe Public Schools, and it is being implemented in Albuquerque Public Schools, with plans for future implementation in Taos Municipal Schools.

Substantive Issues:

According to the analysis by HED of an identical measure (HM 6), MATCH New Mexico is a project of a 501(c)(3) organization called HiddenFromView, which is committed to revealing Israeli innovations in science, technology, and education. Also according to HED, MATCH New Mexico currently operates a program with Ramirez Thomas Elementary School in Santa Fe Public Schools and with St. John's College, also in Santa Fe. In school year 2014-2015, MATCH New Mexico is collaborating with several other organizations to bring MATCH mentoring to students at the University of New Mexico, who will be matched with third graders from Lavaland Elementary School in Albuquerque Public Schools.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.

Committee Referrals:

SRC/SEC

Related Bills:

HM 6 *College Students as 3rd Grade Reading Mentors* (Identical)