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BILL ANALYSIS
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Bill Number	<u>SB383</u>	Sponsor	<u>Brandt</u>
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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 383 (SB383) amends charter school enrollment procedures in Section 22-8B-4.1 to require charter schools to prioritize the enrollment in kindergarten for students who attend a prekindergarten program in that charter school.

FISCAL IMPACT

SB383 does not have an appropriation.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

SB383 requires charter schools to grant preference for students attending a prekindergarten program in a charter school to continue on to kindergarten in the same school to provide consistency in the child's educational program.

Currently, there are six charter schools throughout New Mexico that have a prekindergarten program; Coral Community Charter School, Horizon Academy West, La Promesa Early Learning Center, North Valley Academy, Red River Charter School, and Turquoise Elementary.

CONSEQUENCE OF NOT ENACTING THE BILL

Students attending a prekindergarten program in a charter school may have to attend another school.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Legislative Education Study Committee Files

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