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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Stefanics ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/18  
 LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Adult Education Opportunities SB 108

ANALYST Dulany

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19		
	\$500 .0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 108 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the Higher Education Department (HED) to fund adult education opportunities that will support and enhance economic opportunities for families.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand to HED is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY19 shall revert to the general fund.

In total, the department's FY18 operating budget includes \$9.5 million for adult education – HED receives about \$5.2 million in annual general fund support, down from \$5.7 million in FY16, and \$4.3 million in federal funds through the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Adult Education program administered by HED serves New Mexicans who are at least 16 years of age and do not have a high school diploma as well as English-language learners. 71 percent of those served are Hispanic, 13 percent are classified as White, and 10 percent are American Indian. Nearly half of students served are ages 25-44. In total, HED serves about 15 thousand students each year through 27 sites throughout the state, most of them at community and tribal colleges. In FY16, over 80 percent of adult education students who took the high school equivalency test passed and achieved an equivalency credential.

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