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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/18

SPONSOR Padilla/Romero LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE PED to Study School Meal Funding SJM 16

ANALYST Chilton

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	NFI	Indeterminate	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

#### Responses Not Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Memorial

Senate Joint Memorial 16 requests the Public Education Department to identify any federal funds that might be available to improve New Mexico school meals and student health. PED would also be asked to analyze the effects of increasing the number of applications for federal school meal aid on school lunch debt. PED is requested to report its findings to the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC).

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation in Senate Joint Memorial 16. PED would have to devote personnel time to making the requested study and reporting its results to LESL.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Pursuant to the New Mexico Hunger-Free Student's Bill of Rights Act, Section 22-13C NMSA 1978, all children are entitled to receive a school meal, whether they can pay for it at the time or

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not. Schools must pay the amount that is due if the child and family cannot do so, although schools are encouraged to check children's eligibility for free lunches when the children are persistently unable to pay for their meals. Identifying additional federal funds might decrease schools' liability for the costs of these school meals.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Possible federal funding sources might not be identified, leaving schoolchildren and/or schools responsible for the cost of their meals.

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