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LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS
55th Legislature, 2nd Session, 2022

Bill Number	<u>SM31</u>	Sponsor	<u>Gonzales</u>
Tracking Number	<u>.222442.1</u>	Committee Referrals	<u>SEC</u>
Short Title	<u>Study Flat School Board Per Diem</u>		
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BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 31 (SM31) requests the LESC study establishing a flat per diem of no less than \$95 per authorized meeting, training, or other gatherings for school board members.

FISCAL IMPACT

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations. However, SM31 would require LESC staff time and agency resources to complete the study.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

In the 2021 regular session, Section 10-8-4 NMSA 1978 was changed to establish a per diem rate of \$45 per day for non-salaried public officer attending a board or committee meeting for less than four hours or for attending the meeting virtually. Per diem of \$95 per day is permitted if the non-salaried public officer attends the meeting in person.

The LESC is to study the equitability of the two per diem rates and report its findings and conclusions to the appropriate interim committee by October 1, 2022.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- LESC Files

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