

LFC Requester:	Liu, Sunny
-----------------------	-------------------

AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

WITHIN 24 HOURS OF BILL POSTING, UPLOAD ANALYSIS TO

AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov

(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)

SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 02/27/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 426 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Linda Lopez **Agency Name and Code** Commission for the Blind (60600)
Short Title: Repeal Obsolete School Provision **Number:** _____
Person Writing Greg Trapp/Kevin Romero
Phone: (505) 476-4454 **Email** Kevin.Romero@cfb.nm.gov

SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 426 (SB0426) repeals the obsolete Section 22-14-20 NMSA 1978 (Being Laws 1971, Chapter 324, Section 5, As Amended). The original bill transferred the New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped to the blind administrative unit within the vocational rehabilitation division of the Department of Education.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped is now the New Mexico School for the Blind and visually Impaired (NMSBVI). NMSBVI is a state special school under a board of regents appointed by the Governor. NMSBVI is supported by state land grant funds and is placed within the Higher Education Department.

The Blind Administrative Unit is now the Commission for the Blind. The Commission for the Blind is an independent commission with a board of commissioners appointed by the Governor pursuant to the Commission for the Blind Act, 28-7-15 to 28-7-23 NMSA 1978. The Commission for the Blind is the designated state agency for individuals who are blind as set forth pursuant to the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Education Department is now the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation within the Public Education Department.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The state will continue to maintain statutory language that is obsolete and that is no longer applicable.

AMENDMENTS

None