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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Date Prepared: March 6, 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 480 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Senators Nava, Trujillo, & Brandt **Agency Name and Code** University of New Mexico-952
Short Title: Student Graduation Reporting **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
None	None	N/A	NFA

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
None	None	None	N/A	NFA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	None	None	None	None	N/A	NFA

(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 480 requires the public education department to create an annual report of all school aged students who have not graduated from high school within four years from entering ninth grade.

The report shall be created annually and provided to the higher education department, public post-secondary educational institutions, adult basic education providers, workforce development programs, and school districts and charter schools that serve out-of-cohort students in attaining a high school diploma or high school equivalency credential. SB 480 defines “out-of-cohort students” as school aged individuals who have not graduated from high school within four years from entering the ninth grade.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB480 does not contain an appropriation. There will be some costs at the public education department as staff resources will be required to develop and distribute the annual report.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Out-of-cohort students who are not employed are almost unknown. This report would enable public post-secondary community colleges to reach disengaged individuals. We can guide the individuals who have not completed high school to a path that leads not only to high school equivalency but also to further training that can result in a good job. Per an LFC report, higher labor force participation leads to improved societal and economic outcomes.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None identified.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

None identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None identified.

ALTERNATIVES

None identified.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

None.

AMENDMENTS

None.