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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2021 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}

Check all that apply:
Original **Amendment**
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Date 2/4/2021
Bill No: SB191

Sponsor: Linda M. Lopez
Short Title: BRIDGES ACROSS NM PROGRAM

Agency Name and Code PED-924
Number: _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY22	FY23		
	\$50.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22	FY23		
NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: HB151

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Bill 191 (SB191) would appropriate \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department (HSD) in FY23 to contract with a behavioral health policy expert to assist the “bridges across New Mexico behavioral health consortium” in developing a statewide action plan to present to HSD and the legislature. Among its responsibilities, the consortium would be required to develop a drug prevention program for first through twelfth grade public school students, which may include volunteers from the community in a speaker series and other age-appropriate programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB191 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the HSD for expenditure in FY23. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY23 shall revert to the general fund.

Members of the consortium not paid with public money would be entitled to per diem and mileage as provided in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and would be prohibited from receiving other compensation, perquisite, or allowance.

There are no fiscal implications for the Public Education Department (PED).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the 2019 Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey, 20.5 percent of New Mexico high school students reported having their first drink of alcohol before age 13, compared with 15 percent nationally; 14.1 percent of New Mexico high school students reported they first tried marijuana before age 13, compared with 5.6 percent nationally; and 8.4 percent of the state’s high school students reported that they had tried cocaine, compared with 3.9 percent nationally.

[Section 9-7-6.4 NMSA 1978](#) created an “[interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative](#)” consisting of department secretaries from multiple state agencies, health policy officials, the governor’s office, and tribal entities, to plan, design, and direct a statewide behavioral health system. The work of the interagency behavioral health purchasing collaborative may overlap with the proposed bridges across New Mexico behavioral health consortium.

The PED [School District Wellness Policy](#) stipulates each school district may incorporate “life skills” curriculum, which includes education on the prevention of risky behaviors such as alcohol and drug use.

According to the [U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness](#), during the 2017-2018 school year, 10,683 public school students experienced homelessness at some point during the school year in the state. Of those students, 1,058 were unsheltered and 1,055 were housed in temporary shelters.

Additionally, according to [National Center for Homeless Education](#), the total number of public school students who experienced homelessness in New Mexico rose to 11,588 during the 2018-2019 school year.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

While the bill does not require PED representation, the sponsor of the bill may consider including language asking the consortium to consult with PED regarding age- and developmentally-appropriate content in the development of a drug prevention program.

SB191 would require the consortium to include bipartisan representation from both chambers from the northern, central, and southern regions of the state; the New Mexico congressional delegation; the administrative office of the courts; the business sector; and organizations whose primary functions are behavioral health, housing, and homeless services.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Duplicate of HB151.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The consortium reviews and assesses substance abuse and mental health treatment facilities serving homeless people, programs for transitional living, job development programs, drug prevention programs, and existing driving while intoxicated laws.

ALTERNATIVES

N/A

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

New Mexico public schools would continue to implement the current [Health Education Standards and Benchmarks](#) regarding drug abuse and drug prevention through locally adopted curricula.

AMENDMENTS

N/A