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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2017 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date	<u>2/2/2017</u>
Correction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill No:	<u>SJM14</u>

Sponsor:	<u>Senator Jacob R. Candelaria</u>	Agency Code:	<u>924</u>
Short Title:	<u>SCHOOL INFO ON MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASES</u>	Person Writing	<u>Aguilar/A. Garcia</u>
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		See fiscal implications	See fiscal implications	See fiscal implications	Recurring	School District Budgets

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to: None as of 2/1/2017
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None as of 2/1/2017

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: Senate Joint Memorial 14 (SJM14) requests all state private and public high schools, colleges and universities provide information to all students and parents about meningococcal disease, explaining the different disease serogroups, symptoms, risks, vaccines and treatments. SJM14 also requests that state private and public schools recommend that current and entering students receive meningococcal vaccines in accordance with current advisory committee on immunization practices guidelines.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SJM14 is not requesting any appropriation of funding; therefore, there are no fiscal implications for the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED). Any related costs of implementing this change would be carried by the individual schools districts.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SJM14 states “meningococcal disease is any infection caused by the bacterium *Neisseria meningitis*.” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) concurs with this definition and adds “these illnesses are often severe and include infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream infections.” The CDC also states that “keeping up to date with recommended vaccines is the best defense against meningococcal disease” (<https://www.cdc.gov/meningococcal/index.html>). As community settings include where large groups of people gather, such as schools and college campuses, SJM14 requests that all students and parents of students attending a high school, college, or university receive comprehensive information regarding meningococcal disease. If students and parents receive appropriate information related to the disease, then students may be more likely to receive the recommended vaccine that provides protection against the disease.

SJM14 requests that state private and public schools recommend that current and entering students receive meningococcal vaccines in accordance with current advisory committee on immunization practices guidelines. The New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) current “School Entry Immunization Requirements” recommend, but do not require, the Meningococcal vaccine prior to entry into seventh grade (<https://nmhealth.org/publication/view/regulation/455/>). This recommendation may increase the number of students receiving the vaccine, and therefore may possibly prevent infection with meningococcal disease.

In relation to students attending public high schools, it may be possible for information regarding meningococcal disease to be incorporated into the high school health education course requirement. The PED Health Education Content Standards with Benchmarks and Performance Standards include concepts related to health promotion and disease prevention. As such, it may be appropriate that meningococcal disease instruction be integrated into the classroom instruction. This topic may be discussed in correlation with other health conditions that are already a part of the Health Education Content Standards with Benchmarks and Performance Standards, such as HIV/STI, heart disease, and diabetes. Discussion of meningococcal disease may also be appropriate in the health education course as part of Content Standard 1, Benchmark 3 which addresses “ways in which diseases are transmitted (i.e., HIV, *bacterial diseases*, viral diseases, etc.)”

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SJM14 may support the PED’s strategic lever that all students are ready to learn by reinforcing the linkage between health and academic success.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SJM14 would require the PED to inform public high schools of the expectation of them to provide notice of availability, benefits, risks and limitations of all meningococcal vaccines receiving a recommendation from the CDC advisory committee on immunization practices. The PED would also need to inform public high schools of the expectation that they recommend current and entering students receive the meningococcal vaccines in accordance with the current advisory committee on immunization practice guidelines. This may involve current PED staff

providing technical assistance to the schools in relation to this new request. If this information is incorporated into the public school health education curriculum, this would require educators of the health education course to expand their topics of instruction to include meningococcal disease.