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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2017 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply: Date 2/12/2017
Original **Amendment** **Bill No:** SM50
Correction **Substitute**

Sponsor: Senator Carlos R. Cisneros **Agency Code:** 924
Short Title: STUDY FAMILIES USING IN 2 SOCIAL SVC. TYPES **Person Writing:** Paul J. Aguilar/Hopper
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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	NFI	See fiscal implications	See fiscal implications	See fiscal implications	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

Senate Memorial 50 (SM50) requires that the legislative finance committee (LFC) and other appropriate interim legislative committees conduct a study of families in New Mexico that use at least two types of social services (e.g., income support programs, child welfare programs, mental health services, or criminal justice) and that the study include the numbers, geographic distribution, public costs of serving these families, outcomes, and ways to improve services.

SM50 requests the LFC and other appropriate committees to collaborate with New Mexico Applesseed in conducting this study and that multiple state agencies, including the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) and the New Mexico Department of Health (DOH), among others, share data with the committee to facilitate the study.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SM50 requires the PED to share data with the committee(s) conducting the study. Depending on the data requests and whether requests for data may be pulled from existing databases or require the development of new databases, SM50 would require the PED's Coordinated School Health & Wellness Bureau (CSHWB) and the PED's IT Division to respond to data requests and, if necessary, create new databases and/or spreadsheets that are response to requests from the committee. The fiscal implications can't be quantified at this time.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SM50, as written, establishes a committee with a broad goal of reviewing data from multiple agencies, providing social services for a wide range of purposes. Depending on the data request(s), data from the PED is readily available in the PED's Student Nutrition Portal, including free and reduced lunch percentages and direct certification of students in food nutrition programs in public schools and state-chartered charter schools. The direct certification process requires states and local educational agencies to automatically enroll students from households already participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, without an additional application from the child's family to assist low-income households with children eligible for free meals at school. New Mexico's direct certification rate for the 2014-2015 school year was 92% and is anticipated to be confirmed by the United States Department of Agriculture at 95% for the 2015-2016 school year.

The PED has quarterly meetings with the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD), inclusive of select program staff and IT Division staff, and has already finalized a data sharing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that would allow for the exchange of Medicaid data in addition to SNAP and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) data. This MOU already supports the efforts of cross-agency data sharing, complementing varying data systems, and improving nutritional outcomes for children and youth.

The PED also has an existing MOU with the New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) and the New Mexico Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). This MOU allows for the sharing of data, using a system consistent with "Continuous Quality Improvement" by which data points and collection mechanisms or programs may be changed as the data sharing among agencies develops. This MOU also already provides a system to measure the educational success and the educational stability of children in the child welfare, juvenile justice, and court-ordered probation systems.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

SM50 may require the PED to provide existing datasets or create new datasets for the LFC and other appropriate interim committees to carry out the intent of the study. This would need to be accomplished with existing staff and added to their prescribed scope of work.