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44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2000

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COMMITTEE TO RECEIVE REPORTS REGARDING OPERATION OF JUVENILE
DRUG COURT PROGRAMS IN THE SECOND AND THIRD JUDICIAL
DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS, there are currently two judicial districts with
juvenile drug courts; and

WHEREAS, this year, ten more judicial districts will be
funded through a federal grant program to create more
juvenile drug courts; and

WHEREAS, the success of juvenile drug courts has been
well documented; and

WHEREAS, statewide adoption and continued funding of
juvenile drug courts would create consistency in penalties
imposed by municipal and magistrate courts, allow for timely
hearings and promote strong juvenile rehabilitation programs;
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1 WHEREAS, the juvenile drug court program involves both
2 the offender and the parents in services such as education,
3 counseling, community service, random testing and
4 supervision; and

5 WHEREAS, many state agencies work together to tailor the
6 juvenile drug court program to the needs of each youth to
7 assist that youth in rehabilitation;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the juvenile drug court programs for
10 the second and third judicial districts bring to the courts,
11 corrections and criminal justice committee reports that
12 include the level of community involvement in the programs,
13 the number of graduates from the programs and the costs of
14 administering the programs; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the chairman of the courts, corrections and
17 criminal justice committee and to the presiding district
18 court judges for the second and third judicial districts.