

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

INTRODUCED BY

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE SAMBRANO AGREEMENT FOR
COMPLIANCE AND ACCURACY.

WHEREAS, the United States department of justice entered
into a memorandum of understanding with the Albuquerque
public school district and parents and students of the Rio
Grande cluster schools in the south valley on October 5,
1987; and

WHEREAS, the memorandum of understanding is known as the
Sambrano agreement; and

WHEREAS, the living document has been used as a plan to
improve the south valley schools in Bernalillo county by
addressing issues of inequitable distribution of general
resources, inadequacy of libraries, lack of middle school
science facilities, disproportionate achievement scores,

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1 curriculum, conditions of physical plants and community
2 involvement; and

3 WHEREAS, an addendum to the Sambrano agreement was
4 signed by the Albuquerque public school district and the
5 south valley community on August 21, 1996; and

6 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district has
7 failed to adhere to the United States department of justice's
8 directives in the Sambrano agreement and its addendum;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
11 committee be requested to convene a task force to review the
12 Sambrano agreement for compliance and accuracy; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include the
14 superintendent of public instruction, the superintendent of
15 the Albuquerque public school district, the parents and
16 students of the Rio Grande cluster schools and the original
17 and current Sambrano agreement committee and addendum
18 committee members; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education
20 study committee present its findings and recommendations to
21 the New Mexico legislative council by December 15, 2000; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the legislative education study committee and
24 its director, the superintendent of public instruction, the
25 superintendent of the Albuquerque public school district,
representatives of the Rio Grande cluster schools and
Sambrano agreement committee and addendum committee members.

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