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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO
REVIEW THE SAMBRANO AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, the United States justice department entered
into a memorandum of understanding with the Albuquerque
public school district and parents of the Rio Grande high
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,
curriculum, conditions of physical plants and community
involvement; and

WHEREAS, an addendum to the Sambrano agreement was

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1 signed by the Albuquerque public school district and the
2 south valley community on August 21, 1996 that specifically
3 addressed disciplinary practices and the "pushout-dropout"
4 rate; and

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

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
10 committee be requested to review the Sambrano agreement and
11 convene and work with a task force to review compliance with
12 the Sambrano agreement and assess the accuracy of the
13 Albuquerque public school district's interpretations of the
14 intent and mandates of the Sambrano agreement; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed
16 of the superintendent of public instruction, the state board
17 of education, the superintendent of the Albuquerque public
18 school district, the president of the Albuquerque public
19 school board, the New Mexico attorney general and
20 representatives of the south valley community appointed by
21 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president
22 pro tempore of the senate to resolve existing issues so that
23 adherence to the Sambrano agreement is ensured; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education
25 study committee present the findings and recommendations of
its work and those of the task force to the New Mexico
legislative council and the New Mexico attorney general by

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1 December 15, 2000; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
3 transmitted to the New Mexico attorney general, the
4 legislative education study committee members, the
5 superintendent of public instruction, the members of the
6 state board of education, the president of the Albuquerque
7 public school board and the superintendent of the Albuquerque
8 public school district.

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