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A JOINT MEMORIAL  
REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE STATUTES GOVERNING EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, the legislature of the state of New Mexico is  
resolved to improve lifelong learning and to provide the  
children of this state with a quality education so that they  
may be prepared for higher education and productive careers  
and to be productive citizens of this state; and

WHEREAS, the legislature's overarching goal is to  
increase student achievement and to ensure that all students  
achieve at their full potential so that they will be able to  
compete in post-secondary education and in the world market;  
and

WHEREAS, educators and educational and business  
organizations have informed the legislature that the Public

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1 School Code impedes innovation in education and hinders the  
2 implementation of educational initiatives that have the  
3 potential of improving our current educational system; and

4 WHEREAS, the legislature believes that all students must  
5 be provided the opportunity to graduate from high school and  
6 be prepared for higher education and productive careers; and

7 WHEREAS, in order for all students to graduate from high  
8 school and be prepared for higher education and productive  
9 careers, it is imperative that the Public School Code be  
10 assessed in light of reform initiatives, such as  
11 accountability, full-day kindergarten and the statewide  
12 reading initiative, which have been implemented by the  
13 legislature;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study  
16 committee be requested to study and review the Public School  
17 Code, to identify any statutes that may impede innovation and  
18 the overarching goal of improving student achievement and to  
19 make recommendations to amend the Public School Code to enable  
20 the progress of public schools and the achievement of  
21 students; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education  
23 study committee involve the state board of education, the  
24 state department of public education, the commission on higher  
25 education, public school personnel, educational and business

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1 organizations and any other interested parties in gathering  
2 input regarding the Public School Code and recommendations  
3 regarding statutes that may be impeding the progress of  
4 schools and the achievement of students; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education  
6 study committee report to the legislature regarding its  
7 recommendations for amending statutes governing public  
8 education prior to the first session of the forty-sixth  
9 legislature; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the director of the legislative education study  
12 committee, the president of the state board of education, the  
13 superintendent of public instruction and the executive  
14 director of the commission of higher education.