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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO  
CREATE A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO EXPAND THE CURRENT  
COLLABORATION MODEL BETWEEN HEAD START PROVIDERS AND OTHER  
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE.

WHEREAS, the federal head start program spends a total of  
forty-one million six hundred ninety-five thousand six hundred  
seventeen dollars (\$41,695,617) per year in New Mexico on  
seven thousand five hundred sixty-four children, an average  
five thousand five hundred twelve dollars (\$5,512) per child;  
and

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico spends sixty-seven  
million one hundred twenty-one thousand nine hundred ninety-  
nine dollars (\$67,121,999) per year with block grant and  
general fund money on twenty-four thousand children, an

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1 average two thousand seven hundred ninety-six dollars (\$2, 796)  
2 per child; and

3 WHEREAS, federally supported pre-kindergarten programs  
4 and preschool programs strengthen and expand existing early  
5 care through child care providers and education networks and  
6 programs; and

7 WHEREAS, collaboration between head start providers and  
8 all other child care providers could strengthen the delivery  
9 of child care in New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, funding for child care should address the needs  
11 of all children in New Mexico regardless of whether they live  
12 in rural or metro areas or whether they attend a public or  
13 private child care program;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families  
16 department be requested to create a task force to develop a  
17 plan to expand the current collaboration model between head  
18 start providers and other child care providers, both public  
19 and private; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of  
21 child care experts, parents, children's advocates, child care  
22 providers, head start providers and others with appropriate  
23 interests to assist the development of the plan; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of children,  
25 youth and families and the task force present the plan and

1 legislative recommendations to the appropriate committee by  
2 October 2002; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families.

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