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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO
DETERMINE THE SCOPE AND COST OF PERFORMING A COMPREHENSIVE
REVIEW OF THE STATE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY COST
SAVINGS AS WELL AS ORGANIZATIONAL AND PROCESS IMPROVEMENTS
THAT WILL FACILITATE INCREASED STUDENT PERFORMANCE AND
ACHIEVEMENT.**

**WHEREAS, a well-educated citizenry is an essential
component of New Mexico's economic well-being; and**

**WHEREAS, state education tax dollars should be spent as
efficiently as possible in a manner that yields optimal
learning environments and performance results from students,
teachers and schools; and**

**WHEREAS, a world-class education system is marked by
resource efficiency, including maximizing the dollars reaching**

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1 the classroom, teacher excellence, accountability, performance
2 criteria and measurable student achievement; and

3 WHEREAS, to the extent possible, any cost savings
4 generated within the state education system as a result of
5 improved operational processes should be redirected toward
6 improving the performance of students, schools and teachers;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, education investment decisions should be
9 prudently made, accountably administered and strategically
10 focused to yield demonstrable results that produce maximum
11 value for each dollar invested; and

12 WHEREAS, reducing the bureaucracy and associated costs of
13 New Mexico's education system will help provide much of the
14 funding necessary to implement crucial education reform
15 initiatives;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
18 committee be requested to determine the scope and cost of
19 performing a comprehensive review of the state public
20 education system by the appropriate state agency or department
21 to identify cost savings as well as organizational and process
22 improvements that will facilitate increased student
23 performance and achievement; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education
25 study committee be requested to report its scope and cost

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1 estimate for the comprehensive study to the legislative
2 finance committee no later than October 1, 2002; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the chair and the director of the legislative
5 education study committee and to the chair and the director of
6 the legislative finance committee.

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