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REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CREATE A MENTORING PROGRAM FOR STATE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES TO ENHANCE THE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WITHIN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, the state of New Mexico is in great need of advancing its educational conditions; and

WHEREAS, other states with more progressive education systems, such as Connecticut and Florida, have implemented initiatives to encourage state employees to participate in mentoring programs; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs help prevent delinquency of at-risk children and will consequently save New Mexico money in the long term as fewer at-risk children become criminal offenders; and

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lead to more productive and educated citizens who will benefit the state and will not become a burden on the state due to incarceration; and

WHEREAS, an improvement in educational conditions furthers the health and economic well-being of society;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the governor be requested to create an educational mentoring program for state government employees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to direct the state personnel office to develop a leave policy that allows state employees to participate in an educational mentoring program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor be requested to direct the state department of public education to actively promote an educational mentoring program for state employees in the communities of the New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the governor, the superintendent of public instruction and the director of the state personnel office.

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