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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY
ISSUES REGARDING THE GUARDIANSHIP OF SECONDARY STUDENTS
EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.

WHEREAS, federal, state and tribal laws address the
ability of parents to control and be responsible for the
actions of their children under the age of eighteen; and

WHEREAS, existing federal, state and tribal laws may not
adequately enable parents of children eighteen years of age and
older who have not completed their secondary education to be
responsible for the actions of their children prior to
completion of secondary education; and

WHEREAS, without the legal supervision and responsibility
of their parents, some children eighteen years of age and older
who have not completed their secondary education may choose

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1 unwisely to leave their family home and not complete their
2 secondary education;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative
5 education study committee be requested to undertake the
6 following tasks during the 2006 interim:

7 A. review federal, state and tribal laws regarding
8 parents' responsibility for and authority over their children
9 eighteen years of age and older who have not completed their
10 secondary education;

11 B. determine whether existing federal, state and
12 tribal laws adequately protect the best interests of parents
13 and their children eighteen years of age and older who have not
14 completed their secondary education; and

15 C. consider appropriate revisions to state law, if
16 any, that may be necessary to better protect the best interests
17 of parents and their children eighteen years of age and older
18 who have not completed their secondary education; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the chair, vice chair and director of the
21 legislative education study committee.

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