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HOUSE MEMORIAL 42

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

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES ESTABLISH COMMON, SHARED STUDENT DATA SYSTEMS FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, INCLUDING ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

WHEREAS, the higher education department, public education department, children, youth and families department and office of workforce training and development each have separate data systems tracking New Mexicans; and

WHEREAS, each agency's unique data system tracks New Mexicans at one phase in their lives; and

WHEREAS, the existence of these separate data systems precludes tracking student success across sectors of the educational system and into the workforce; and

WHEREAS, each of these state agencies has an obligation to

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1 best meet the needs of New Mexico residents; and

2 WHEREAS, studies have shown that a seamless data system
3 from pre-kindergarten to the workforce is a necessary component
4 in determining if state education policies are working; and

5 WHEREAS, common data and direct links among different data
6 systems will provide research capability to measure results of
7 New Mexico educational reform; and

8 WHEREAS, the ability to examine this data over time will
9 demonstrate student proficiencies and readiness for college and
10 career training needed in the workforce; and

11 WHEREAS, common, shared student data systems will enable
12 public schools, colleges, universities and employers to
13 identify and address weaknesses in the educational system to
14 better prepare students for the world of work; and

15 WHEREAS, common, shared student data systems will be an
16 economic planning tool for forecasting potential areas of
17 growth and workforce training demands;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
19 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the higher
20 education department, representatives of institutions of higher
21 education, the public education department, representatives of
22 public schools, the children, youth and families department and
23 the office of workforce training and development be requested
24 to establish common, shared student data systems from pre-
25 kindergarten to post-secondary levels of education, including

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1 adult basic education and training; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agencies report to the
3 governor and the legislature on their efforts to establish
4 common, shared student data systems by November 1, 2007; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the secretaries of higher education, public
7 education and children, youth and families and the director of
8 the office of workforce training and development.

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