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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING THE SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY STANDARDS-BASED FUNDING PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school provides education to students from seventh through twelfth grades; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Santa Fe Indian school come from all nineteen Indian pueblos within the state of New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the nineteen Indian pueblos in the state of New Mexico encompass land in numerous counties throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, the attorney general opined that the Santa Fe Indian school is a statewide institution because it provides education to New Mexico students who would otherwise

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1 need to be educated in other New Mexico public schools; and

2 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Santa Fe Indian school is to  
3 provide a challenging, stimulating academic program of  
4 excellence that shares the responsibility with students and  
5 their parents in developing the students' potential to meet  
6 obligations to themselves and their communities within New  
7 Mexico; and

8 WHEREAS, students at the Santa Fe Indian school are  
9 provided with a place to explore, walk new paths and seek new  
10 experiences and career opportunities, while remaining true to  
11 their Native American identity; and

12 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school's importance and value  
13 to the state's Native American community and to the state in  
14 general are unquestioned; and

15 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school does not participate  
16 in the state's public school operational funding formula or the  
17 higher education funding process; and

18 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school has no state project  
19 review process through which it can prioritize and justify its  
20 capital outlay needs;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
22 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public school capital outlay  
23 council be requested, in cooperation with representatives of  
24 the legislative finance committee, the legislative education  
25 study committee, the public education department and the

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1 department of finance and administration, to establish a work  
2 group to examine the feasibility of including the Santa Fe  
3 Indian school in the public school capital outlay standards-  
4 based funding process; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group report the  
6 results of its study to the legislature and the executive prior  
7 to the beginning of the 2014 legislative session; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
9 transmitted to the chair of the public school capital outlay  
10 council, the directors of the legislative finance committee and  
11 legislative education study committee, the secretary of public  
12 education and the secretary of finance and administration.