

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A TASK
3 FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A REDUCTION IN PAPERWORK
4 REQUIRED OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES, MODIFICATIONS TO NEW MEXICO
5 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULES TO REDUCE THE PAPERWORK REQUIRED OF
6 EDUCATION EMPLOYEES AND A MORATORIUM ON UNFUNDED MANDATES IN
7 SCHOOLS.

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9 WHEREAS, increased paperwork results in less time that
10 educators can devote to students and parents; and

11 WHEREAS, time away from teaching becomes a disincentive
12 for teachers to stay in the field; and

13 WHEREAS, unfunded mandates force school districts to
14 implement new programs or activities without providing the
15 necessary financial resources; and

16 WHEREAS, unfunded mandates cause school districts to
17 stretch limited staff resources and to cut the budgets of
18 other important learning programs;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public
21 education department be requested to convene a task force to
22 study the feasibility of a reduction in paperwork required of
23 education employees and to consider modifications to rules
24 issued by the department to reduce the paperwork required of
25 education employees; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force study the
2 feasibility of a moratorium on unfunded mandates; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed
4 of representatives of the office of the governor, the public
5 education department, the New Mexico school boards
6 association, the legislative education study committee and
7 other interested parties; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
9 findings and recommendations to the legislative education
10 study committee and the legislative finance committee by
11 October 1, 2018; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of public
14 education, the chair of the legislative education study
15 committee, the chair of the legislative finance committee and
16 the president of the board of directors of the New Mexico
17 school boards association.

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