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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO  
CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF AN INTERAGENCY  
SAFETY NET FOR MALTREATED CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, the physical and emotional well-being and  
safety of children in New Mexico are of utmost importance;  
and

WHEREAS, tragic events in recent years have shed light  
on how the maltreatment of children can escalate quickly  
without the knowledge of concerned individuals, agency staff  
and school staff; and

WHEREAS, children who have been maltreated and who stop  
attending school, whether a public, private or home school,  
are particularly vulnerable to falling through the cracks;  
and

WHEREAS, the state is dedicated to mobilizing all  
agencies and community organizations that are tasked with  
protecting the safety and security of children to help  
prevent such tragedies; and

WHEREAS, communication and collaboration among all  
appropriate agencies and community organizations are  
essential to protecting New Mexico's children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the

1 legislative education study committee be requested to create  
2 a task force to study the measures necessary to create an  
3 interagency safety net for maltreated children who are  
4 vulnerable to falling through the cracks and to seek  
5 participation on the task force from at least one  
6 representative from each of the following entities:

7 A. the public education department;

8 B. the human services department;

9 C. the protective services division of the  
10 children, youth and families department; and

11 D. any other entities or individuals deemed  
12 appropriate by the legislative education study committee; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force publish its  
14 findings and recommendations in a report, provide two copies  
15 of the report to the legislative council service library and  
16 publish the report on the legislative education study  
17 committee website; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the chair of the legislative education study  
20 committee; the secretary of public education; the secretary of  
21 human services; the secretary of children, youth and families;  
22 the public education department for distribution to all  
23 department offices and organizations mentioned in this  
24 memorial; and others the public education department believes  
25 would be interested in the task force and its charge. \_\_\_\_\_