

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ASSESS THE
3 PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE PURPLE STAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
4 PROGRAM AND REPORT ON THE STATUS AND EFFECTIVENESS WHERE THE
5 PROGRAM HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN NEW MEXICO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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7 WHEREAS, the children of military families serving in
8 the state are highly valued and deeply respected by the
9 people of New Mexico; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2021, the legislature passed, and the
11 governor signed, a law directing the public education
12 department to develop a "purple star public schools program"
13 to provide a mechanism for public schools to ease the
14 transition of students of military families into new schools
15 by providing academic, social and emotional support to those
16 students; and

17 WHEREAS, the public education department was further
18 directed to develop a related program for public schools not
19 located near a military installation and for those schools
20 that want to recognize and celebrate military service and the
21 accomplishments of active military and veterans; and

22 WHEREAS, questions have arisen about the progress and
23 implementation of the program as directed by the 2021 law;
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25 WHEREAS, the legislature, the bill's sponsors, community HM 22
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1 advocates and military families with children in public
2 schools in New Mexico seek answers to those questions;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public
5 education department be requested to assess and report the
6 status, oversight, implementation and effectiveness of the
7 purple star public schools program in New Mexico public
8 schools to the legislative education study committee by
9 November 1, 2023; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the secretary of public education, the chair
12 and vice chair of the military and veterans' affairs committee
13 and the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council for
14 distribution to the appropriate interim committees. _____

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