

1 A JOINT MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE LEGISLATIVE  
3 EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE,  
4 THE NEW MEXICO COALITION OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS, THE  
5 NEW MEXICO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AND PUBLIC CHARTER  
6 SCHOOLS OF NEW MEXICO TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY AND TO  
7 RECOMMEND A PLAN FOR REDUCING SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT  
8 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

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10 WHEREAS, during the 2017 legislative session, the  
11 legislature unanimously enacted House Bill 453, which  
12 repealed several unnecessary and burdensome reporting  
13 requirements on school districts; and

14 WHEREAS, on May 23, 2022, Governor Michelle Lujan  
15 Grisham signed Executive Order 2022-058, directing the public  
16 education department to identify and implement changes to  
17 reduce administrative burdens for teachers and school  
18 administrators by at least twenty-five percent; and

19 WHEREAS, a reports inventory conducted by the public  
20 education department in response to the executive order has  
21 identified that school districts and charter schools  
22 currently comply with two hundred forty-four data collections  
23 and application narratives across twenty-four different units  
24 of the department annually; and

25 WHEREAS, the reports inventory concluded that the total

1 annual time that school districts and charter schools spend  
2 completing these reports is approximately ten thousand five  
3 hundred hours, or the work of about five full-time employees  
4 for each school district and charter school; and

5 WHEREAS, burdensome reporting requirements are one  
6 reason why central and general administration spending by  
7 school districts and charter schools grew by fifty-five  
8 percent between 2007 and 2019, while spending on instruction  
9 grew by twenty percent; and

10 WHEREAS, reducing administrative burdens and costs will  
11 make additional resources available to students and teachers  
12 for expenses, including instructional materials, professional  
13 development and support services and personnel; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2019 School Support and Accountability Act  
15 requires the public education department to establish a  
16 system that tracks indicators of academic achievement,  
17 metrics of school success and designations of school quality,  
18 including disaggregated student data;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department, the  
21 legislative education study committee, the legislative  
22 finance committee, the New Mexico coalition of educational  
23 leaders, the New Mexico school boards association and public  
24 charter schools of New Mexico be requested to convene a  
25 working group to study all state and federal reporting

1 requirements imposed on school districts and charter schools;  
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consider  
4 the public education data needs of the state and consult with  
5 public school and school district leaders to identify  
6 nonessential, redundant and unnecessarily burdensome school  
7 and school district reports required by state law or rule of  
8 the public education department; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group recommend  
10 a plan to reduce the number of state reports submitted by  
11 school districts and charter schools to the public education  
12 department, with a goal of reducing school and school  
13 district reporting requirements by at least twenty-five  
14 percent; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include  
16 recommendations of any legislative or regulatory changes  
17 needed to reduce reporting requirements as well as any public  
18 education department process improvements that can be  
19 implemented without changes to law; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include  
21 recommendations regarding an information technology strategy  
22 that would consolidate current education data reporting  
23 systems into a single student information system to  
24 streamline reporting and make education data more easily  
25 available for program evaluation and research, similar to the

1 system of accountability information implemented in Nevada;  
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan be submitted to the  
4 governor and the New Mexico legislative council no later than  
5 October 1, 2023; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the governor; the secretary of public education  
8 for further distribution to the New Mexico coalition of  
9 educational leaders, the New Mexico school boards association,  
10 the public charter schools of New Mexico and other interested  
11 persons; and the directors of the legislative education study  
12 and legislative finance committees. \_\_\_\_\_

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