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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE LEGISLATIVE
12 EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE, THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE,
13 THE NEW MEXICO COALITION OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS, THE NEW MEXICO
14 SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS OF NEW
15 MEXICO TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY AND TO RECOMMEND A PLAN
16 FOR REDUCING SCHOOL AND SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

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18 WHEREAS, during the 2017 legislative session, the
19 legislature unanimously enacted House Bill 453, which repealed
20 several unnecessary and burdensome reporting requirements on
21 school districts; and

22 WHEREAS, on May 23, 2022, Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham
23 signed Executive Order 2022-058, directing the public education
24 department to identify and implement changes to reduce
25 administrative burdens for teachers and school administrators

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1 by at least twenty-five percent; and

2 WHEREAS, a reports inventory conducted by the public
3 education department in response to the executive order has
4 identified that school districts and charter schools currently
5 comply with two hundred forty-four data collections and
6 application narratives across twenty-four different units of
7 the department annually; and

8 WHEREAS, the reports inventory concluded that the total
9 annual time that school districts and charter schools spend
10 completing these reports is approximately ten thousand five
11 hundred hours, or the work of about five full-time employees
12 for each school district and charter school; and

13 WHEREAS, burdensome reporting requirements are one reason
14 why central and general administration spending by school
15 districts and charter schools grew by fifty-five percent
16 between 2007 and 2019, while spending on instruction grew by
17 twenty percent; and

18 WHEREAS, reducing administrative burdens and costs will
19 make additional resources available to students and teachers
20 for expenses, including instructional materials, professional
21 development and support services and personnel; and

22 WHEREAS, the 2019 School Support and Accountability Act
23 requires the public education department to establish a system
24 that tracks indicators of academic achievement, metrics of
25 school success and designations of school quality, including

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1 disaggregated student data;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department, the
4 legislative education study committee, the legislative finance
5 committee, the New Mexico coalition of educational leaders, the
6 New Mexico school boards association and public charter schools
7 of New Mexico be requested to convene a working group to study
8 all state and federal reporting requirements imposed on school
9 districts and charter schools; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consider the
11 public education data needs of the state and consult with
12 public school and school district leaders to identify
13 nonessential, redundant and unnecessarily burdensome school and
14 school district reports required by state law or rule of the
15 public education department; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group recommend a
17 plan to reduce the number of state reports submitted by school
18 districts and charter schools to the public education
19 department, with a goal of reducing school and school district
20 reporting requirements by at least twenty-five percent; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include
22 recommendations of any legislative or regulatory changes needed
23 to reduce reporting requirements as well as any public
24 education department process improvements that can be
25 implemented without changes to law; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include
2 recommendations regarding an information technology strategy
3 that would consolidate current education data reporting systems
4 into a single student information system to streamline
5 reporting and make education data more easily available for
6 program evaluation and research, similar to the system of
7 accountability information implemented in Nevada; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan be submitted to the
9 governor and the New Mexico legislative council no later than
10 December 1, 2023; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the governor; the secretary of public education
13 for further distribution to the New Mexico coalition of
14 educational leaders, the New Mexico school boards association,
15 the public charter schools of New Mexico and other interested
16 persons; and the directors of the legislative education study
17 and legislative finance committees.