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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 13

**42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,  
1996**

INTRODUCED BY  
MIMI STEWART

A JOINT MEMORIAL  
REQUESTING BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT THE BILL OF RIGHTS AND  
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LEARNING, STANDARDS OF CONDUCT AND  
STANDARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT.

WHEREAS, schools should be places of safety, order, respect  
and high academic standards, and the misbehavior by some  
students interferes with the quality of education for other  
students; and

WHEREAS, discipline and order are the prerequisites to  
learning, and a good education should not be denied by students  
who are violent or disruptive; and

WHEREAS, the United States needs to achieve higher  
standards of educational achievement to be competitive in the  
world economy; and

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1           WHEREAS, the traditional mission of public schools is to  
2 prepare young people for citizenship and productive adulthood;

3           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that boards of education be requested to  
5 adopt the bill of rights and responsibilities for learning,  
6 standards of conduct and standards of achievement, which states:

7           "All students and school staff have a right to schools that  
8 are safe, orderly and drug free.

9           All students and school staff have a right to learn and  
10 work in school districts and schools that have clear discipline  
11 codes with fair and consistently enforced consequences for  
12 misbehavior.

13           All students and school staff have a right to learn and  
14 work in school districts that have alternative educational  
15 placements for violent or chronically disruptive students.

16           All students and school staff have a right to be treated  
17 with courtesy and respect.

18           All students and school staff have a right to learn and  
19 work in school districts, schools and classrooms that have  
20 clearly stated and rigorous academic standards.

21           All students and school staff have a right to learn and  
22 work in well-equipped schools that have the instructional  
23 materials needed to carry out a rigorous academic program.

24           All students and school staff have a right to learn and  
25 work in schools where teachers know their subject matter and

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1 know how to teach it.

2 All students and school staff have a right to learn and  
3 work in school districts, schools and classrooms where high  
4 grades stand for high achievement and promotion is earned.

5 All students and school staff have a right to learn and  
6 work in school districts and schools where getting a high school  
7 diploma means having the knowledge and skills essential for  
8 college or a good job.

9 All students and school staff have a right to be supported  
10 by parents, the community, public officials and business in  
11 their efforts to uphold high standards of conduct and  
12 achievement."; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
14 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction and each  
15 board of education.

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**State of New Mexico  
House of Representatives**

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

January 25, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 13

has had it under consideration and finds same to be  
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

(Chief Clerk)

(Chief Clerk)

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

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4 The roll call vote was 9 For 1 Against

5 Yes: 9

6 No: Nicely

7 Excused: Luna, Pederson, Rodella, R. G. Sanchez, J. G. Taylor

8 Absent: None

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# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 7, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Dolliver, Gonzales, SM Williams, WC Williams

Absent: None

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FORTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 14, 1996

Mr. President:

Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 13

has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gloria Howes, Chairman

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk)



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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against  
Yes: 6  
No: 0  
Excused: Aragon, Doni sthorpe, EJenni ngs  
Absent: 0

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