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REQUESTING THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION EXAMINE THE
POSSIBILITY OF REQUIRING THAT STUDENTS RECEIVE INSTRUCTION IN
PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND THE
NEED FOR GOOD STUDY HABITS.

WHEREAS, increasingly, children and young adults are faced
with adult decisions in matters relating to continuing education
or ceasing education and raising a family; and

WHEREAS, several states have successfully implemented
curricula that include instruction in the importance of
education and the demanding responsibilities of parenthood; and

WHEREAS, increasingly, people of all ages are shirking
their responsibilities as parents, not fulfilling parental
obligations and leaving society to meet those unmet obligations;
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WHEREAS, the public school system has become the greatest teacher for many children, a role formerly held by parents; and

WHEREAS, the public school system is left to fulfill unmet parental obligations and thus must be the teacher of responsibilities to the next generation of parents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state board of education examine the possibility of mandatory instruction in the importance of education and the need for good study habits by students in all grades; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education also examine the possibility of mandating instruction in parental responsibilities to children in grades seven through twelve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the instruction mandated be appropriate to the grade and level of maturity of students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the state board of education.