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HOUSE MEMORIAL 28

44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

INTRODUCED BY

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE THE PROBLEMS, PENALTIES AND POSSIBLE
PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH MINORS WHO ARE FOUND POSSESSING
ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND DRIVING WHILE UNDER THE
INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

WHEREAS, minors are vulnerable to alcohol and substance
abuse; and

WHEREAS, minors are vulnerable to peer pressure and
likely to associate substance abuse with "fitting in" and
being accepted by peers and getting attention from their
families; and

WHEREAS, minors are likely to abuse drugs and alcohol to
escape personal problems because they are young, physically
vulnerable to becoming addicted and have less knowledge about

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1 the dangers of substance abuse; and

2 WHEREAS, minors are targeted by the media's glamorization
3 of teen consumption and usage of alcohol and drugs; and

4 WHEREAS, forty percent of traffic crash deaths involving
5 minors in 1997 also involved alcohol; and

6 WHEREAS, almost eight percent of driving while
7 intoxicated convictions in New Mexico in 1997 involved drivers
8 who were minors; and

9 WHEREAS, a minor is killed in a traffic crash in New
10 Mexico every seven days; and

11 WHEREAS, these alarming numbers result in minors being an
12 at-risk population due to alcohol and substance abuse;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the courts,
15 corrections and criminal justice committee hear testimony from
16 the state highway and transportation department, the teen
17 mobilization program associated with the traffic safety bureau
18 of the state highway and transportation department, juvenile
19 probation officers, law enforcement, the administrative office
20 of the courts and any other appropriate person or entity
21 regarding matters of existing enforcement penalties,
22 prevention programs and general concerns relating to minors
23 convicted of possession of alcohol or controlled substances
24 and minors convicted of driving while under the influence of
25 alcohol or controlled substances; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislature make
2 recommendations prior to December 15, 1999 regarding penalties
3 and prevention programs relating to minors convicted of
4 possession of alcohol or controlled substances and minors
5 convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol or
6 controlled substances; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
8 transmitted to the state highway and transportation
9 department, the DWI grant council, the university of New
10 Mexico institute of public law, the Torrance county DWI
11 prevention coordinator to be distributed to the students who
12 provided assistance with this memorial at Moriarty,
13 Mountainair and Estancia public schools, the teen mobilization
14 program associated with the traffic safety bureau of the state
15 highway and transportation department and the members of the
16 courts, corrections and criminal justice committee.

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred
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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

17 1. On page 1, line 11, strike "COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND
18 CRIMINAL JUSTICE" and insert in lieu thereof "APPROPRIATE
19 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM".
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21 2. On page 2, lines 14 and 15, strike "courts,
22 corrections and criminal justice committee" and insert in
23 lieu thereof "appropriate legislative interim committee with
24 jurisdiction over juvenile justice issues".

25 3. On page 2, line 18, after the comma, insert "teen

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court programs, tri-county red ribbon education students,
students against destructive decisions,".

4. On page 3, line 1, strike "legislature make
recommendations" and insert in lieu thereof "appropriate
interim committee with jurisdiction over juvenile justice
issues make recommendations to the legislature".

5. On page 3, line 16, strike "courts, corrections and
criminal justice committee" and insert in lieu thereof
"appropriate legislative interim committee with jurisdiction
over juvenile justice issues".

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Trujillo Knauer,
Chairwoman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

Excused: Hamilton

Absent: None

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