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HOUSE MEMORIAL 43

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

INTRODUCED BY

James Roger Madalena

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF THE CHARACTERISTICS, STATUS AND NEEDS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH HIGH POPULATIONS OF NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, Native American students have the highest dropout rate in the state; and

WHEREAS, accurate statistics on high school graduation rates for Native American students have been difficult to obtain; and

WHEREAS, a thorough review of the statistics on public school dropout rates should be conducted jointly by the legislative education study committee and the Indian affairs committee comparing the success rates of school districts in educating Native American students; and

WHEREAS, those interim committees should conduct an

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1 examination of how funding is used by school districts to  
2 improve the graduation rates of Native American students; and

3 WHEREAS, the effect that the location of schools, the  
4 distances that must be traveled and the hours spent in transit  
5 have on the success of students, especially Native American  
6 students, should be reviewed by those committees;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the  
9 legislative council be requested to assign to the legislative  
10 education study committee and the Indian affairs committee the  
11 task of collecting information available regarding the test  
12 scores and success rates of Native American students in the  
13 New Mexico public school system; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committees should report  
15 to the legislature no later than the first session of the  
16 forty-fifth legislature on the outcome of the committee  
17 inquiry and provide any legislative proposals, including  
18 funding proposals, that will enable the state to effectively  
19 improve the graduation success rate of Native American  
20 students attending public schools and post-secondary schools;

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
22 transmitted to the legislative council, the legislative  
23 education study committee and the Indian affairs committee.

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8 Mr. Speaker:  
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10 Your ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES 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 15 after "have" insert "one of".  
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19 2. On page 1, line 16 strike "rate" insert in lieu  
20 thereof "rates".  
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Respectfully submitted,

James Roger Madalena, Chairman

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

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

Excused: Parsons, Vickers

Absent: None

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