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1 critical to a person's later success; and

2 WHEREAS, the demand for care far exceeds the supply of
3 registered and licensed child-care providers; and

4 WHEREAS, quality child-care programs permit working
5 families to perform better at work and to make a successful
6 transition from welfare to employment; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico children and families need a system
8 that promotes quality early child-care, education and before-
9 and after-school programs statewide; and

10 WHEREAS, experience and research in New Mexico and other
11 states demonstrate that a comprehensive and coordinated
12 approach to early child care and education produces good
13 results;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
16 department create and lead a task force to develop a research-
17 based strategic plan for early-child care, education and
18 before- and after-school programs in New Mexico; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan take into
20 consideration the affordability and accessibility of child
21 care, adequate reimbursement for providers and appropriate
22 compensation for child-care staff; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective licensing and
24 monitoring of child-care providers be included in the plan, as
25 well as recommendations for a career-development ladder to

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1 ensure availability of qualified early child-care and
2 education professionals; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that part of the plan address the
4 need for referral programs to direct families, including
5 families and children with special needs, to appropriate
6 child-care, education and before- and after-school programs;
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
9 representation from the human services department; the
10 department of health; the state department of public
11 education; the child development board; the various New Mexico
12 works contractors, parents, providers and early child-care and
13 education professionals; and organizations and representatives
14 of the business community; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of children,
16 youth and families appoint and convene the task force by May
17 1, 1999, report progress on the research-based strategic plan
18 to the legislative health and human services committee by
19 August 1, 1999 and present a report that includes legislative
20 and funding recommendations to the same committee and to the
21 legislative education study committee by November 1, 1999; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 sent to the secretary of children, youth and families and to
24 the New Mexico legislative council.

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2 FIRST SESSION, 1999

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6 February 9, 1999

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8 Mr. President:

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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

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9 The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

10 Yes: 6

11 No: 0

12 Excused: Adair, Boitano, Gorham, Lopez

13 Absent: None

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The roll call vote was 10 For 4 Against

Yes: 10

Against: Burpo, Dana, Macko, Williams

Excused: Stapleton

Absent: Marquardt

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