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SENATE MEMORIAL 45

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

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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 SENATE OF THE STATE  
8 OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative council be requested to  
9 assign to the legislative education study committee and the  
10 Indian affairs committee the task of collecting information  
11 available regarding the test scores and success rates of  
12 Native American students in the New Mexico public school  
13 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.