

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH THE EDUCATIONAL RETIREMENT BOARD, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE LEVEL OF HEALTH AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS OTHER STATES PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL AND HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYEES.

WHEREAS, compensation decisions by the New Mexico legislature, school districts and higher education institutions in this state require accurate and current data on health and retirement benefits provided similar employees in other states; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico legislature, school districts and higher education institutions have been provided conflicting estimates of New Mexico's public school and higher education employee health and retirement benefits'

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1 rankings as compared to other states; and

2 WHEREAS, accurate and current health and retirement
3 benefits data are not available to the New Mexico legislature
4 or to the employees of New Mexico's school districts and
5 higher education institutions;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
8 committee be requested to work cooperatively with the
9 educational retirement board, the state department of public
10 education and the commission on higher education to conduct a
11 study to determine the level of health and retirement
12 benefits, and other benefits as requested, other states
13 provide to similar employees of public schools and higher
14 education institutions; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study provide a ranking
16 of New Mexico's benefits as compared to other states; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education
18 study committee present the results of its study to the New
19 Mexico legislative council by December 15, 2000; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the legislative education study committee and
22 its director, the director of the educational retirement
23 board, the superintendent of public instruction and the
24 executive director of the commission on higher education.
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