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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE STUDY AND REVIEW THE MANDATE THAT NEW MEXICO COUNTIES PROVIDE FOR EXPENSES OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico counties are mandated to provide for expenses of various state agencies, such as expenses for office space, utilities and some maintenance costs for district courts, district attorneys, juvenile probation and parole officers and the department of health; and

WHEREAS, without any assistance in funding from the state, a county is mandated to cover expenses and capital requirements for various state agencies out of the county's general fund, which decreases the county's ability to serve the needs of the citizens of that county; and

WHEREAS, county officials recognize the benefit to the citizens of New Mexico of having state services available locally; however, both the state and the counties would benefit more from having fully developed guidelines detailing the financial responsibilities of the state and the counties in a

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1 manner that best serves the needs of state agencies as well as  
2 recognizes the limitations on county revenues;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the courts, corrections and criminal  
5 justice committee study and review the mandate that New Mexico  
6 counties provide for expenses of certain state agencies; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the courts, corrections and  
8 criminal justice committee work with the New Mexico association  
9 of counties, district courts, district attorneys, juvenile  
10 probation and parole officers and the administrative office of  
11 the courts to develop guidelines detailing the respective  
12 financial responsibilities of the counties and the state  
13 regarding the mandate of counties to provide maintenance  
14 expenses and office space to certain state agencies; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
16 transmitted to the chairman of the courts, corrections and  
17 criminal justice committee and to the executive director of the  
18 New Mexico association of counties.

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