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45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO
CONTINUE ITS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION REFORM.

WHEREAS, it is recognized nationally as well as among the states that public education in the United States is undergoing great change and reform to better prepare a literate and skilled citizenry that can compete successfully in the economic and political arenas of a global community and that can sustain our democratic American society through full participation in community and civic life; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, the New Mexico legislature recognized the need to assess the current status of New Mexico's public education system in light of shifting local, state, national and international conditions; and

WHEREAS, the education initiatives and accountability task force was established in 1999 by the New Mexico legislative council to study the history and development of the educational system in New Mexico, review educational reform initiatives and make recommendations to the legislature

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1 for an improved educational system in New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, the legislative education study committee
3 participated in the education initiatives and accountability
4 task force's deliberations and endorsed its educational reform
5 recommendations to improve the state's public education system
6 and increase students' academic and social success; and

7 WHEREAS, the task force completed its two-year assignment
8 and recommended a sweeping, comprehensive education reform
9 package, which was passed in the 2001 legislative session but
10 vetoed by the governor; and

11 WHEREAS, in light of the gubernatorial veto, the
12 legislative education study committee created an ad hoc
13 committee to continue to focus legislative and public
14 attention on the 2001 education reform legislation and the
15 urgent need to improve teacher quality, increase school
16 accountability and support student achievement;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
19 committee be requested to continue its ad hoc committee on
20 education reform during the 2002 interim so that it may
21 continue highlighting the work of the New Mexico education
22 community toward educational reform; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the legislative education study committee, the
25 state department of public education and the commission on
higher education.