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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 63**  
**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**  
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**A JOINT MEMORIAL**  
**REQUESTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES**  
**TO ALLOW SCHOOLS TO MEET THE PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS OF THE**  
**STATE'S ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM WITHOUT ADVERSELY AFFECTING AN**  
**EDUCATOR'S "TIME TO TEACH".**

**WHEREAS, the primary responsibility of educators is the**  
**delivery of quality instruction to students; and**

**WHEREAS, an educator's "time to teach" refers not only to**  
**those hours during which an educator is actually teaching but**  
**also applies to those conditions that contribute to the**  
**student-educator relationship; and**

**WHEREAS, these conditions include reasonable, carefully**  
**defined workloads, freedom from interruptions during**  
**instructional time, unencumbered planning time, time to**  
**evaluate student progress and time for implementation of**

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1 federal and state legislative requirements; and

2 WHEREAS, while the legislature recognizes that  
3 accountability requires reporting on the uses of funding  
4 derived from federal, state and local education programs, the  
5 legislature also believes that in order for the classroom  
6 educator to spend adequate time on instructional duties, the  
7 paperwork burden on the practitioner must be reduced and held  
8 to an absolute minimum; and

9 WHEREAS, the legislature further believes that teachers  
10 and other educational employees need the freedom and  
11 flexibility to schedule time and design programs to meet the  
12 needs of students; and

13 WHEREAS, the legislature believes that current  
14 implementation of the state's accountability system adversely  
15 affects an educator's "time to teach";

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state board of education be  
18 requested to develop procedures to allow schools to meet the  
19 paperwork requirements of the state's accountability system  
20 without adversely affecting an educator's "time to teach"; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent of public  
22 instruction be requested to report on the progress of these  
23 procedures to the appropriate legislative interim committee  
24 prior to the first session of the forty-sixth legislature; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the state board of education, the chair of the  
2 appropriate legislative interim committee and the  
3 superintendent of public instruction.

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