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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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A JOINT MEMORIAL
SUPPORTING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALIGNING A UNIVERSAL SYSTEM OF
PRESCHOOL EDUCATION FOR THREE- AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN
STATEWIDE WITH HEAD START PROGRAMS.

WHEREAS, the head start program began in 1965 as a federal
program to prepare children from low-income backgrounds for
academic success through skills development and human services;
and

WHEREAS, head start has served millions of children and
currently more than nine hundred thousand children each year
participate in head start programs across the country; and

WHEREAS, the head start program has proven to be an
effective means of reaching thousands of low-income New Mexico
families in need of health and educational services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
2 committee conduct a study during the 2003 interim to determine
3 how early care education programs could be aligned to establish
4 a universal system of preschool education for three- and four-
5 year-old children, including how the head start program could
6 be effectively placed under the auspices of the state board of
7 education and the state department of public education; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the president of the state board of education,
10 the superintendent of public instruction, the chair of the
11 legislative education study committee and the governor.

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