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

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO
CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS USED FOR JUVENILE
OFFENDER REHABILITATION.**

**WHEREAS, the state averages approximately six hundred
juvenile offenders held in secure confinement every day; and**

**WHEREAS, the state expends over forty-nine thousand five
hundred dollars (\$49,500) in actual annual costs per bed for
the confinement of juvenile offenders; and**

**WHEREAS, the state expends over twenty-nine million seven
hundred thousand dollars (\$29,700,000) annually on the
confinement of juvenile offenders;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families
department be requested to conduct a study of the various**

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1 programs used throughout the state and in other states to
2 determine which of the various programs are most effective in
3 preventing troubled youth from becoming involved with the
4 justice system; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
6 families department conduct a study of the various programs
7 used throughout the state and in other states to determine
8 which of the various programs are most effective in preventing
9 juvenile offenders from repeating their offenses; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and
11 families department report the findings of the studies to a
12 legislative interim committee that has jurisdiction over
13 juvenile justice issues no later than October 31, 2003; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the secretary of children, youth and families.