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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY
12 OF CHARTER SCHOOL INNOVATIONS AND PROVIDE A REPORT ON SUCH
13 INNOVATIONS.

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15 WHEREAS, the statutory purpose of charter schools is to
16 encourage innovative curricula, teaching methods and forms of
17 student learning; and

18 WHEREAS, the purpose of charter schools is also to
19 encourage innovative forms of measuring student achievement;
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21 WHEREAS, the purpose of charter schools includes
22 addressing the needs of students determined to be at-risk while
23 creating new professional opportunities for teachers; and

24 WHEREAS, the purpose of charter schools includes providing
25 parents and students with an educational alternative within the

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1 public school system; and

2 WHEREAS, charter schools have been designed to encourage
3 governance innovation and parental and community involvement in
4 the public school system; to develop and use site-based
5 budgeting; and to be held accountable for meeting and exceeding
6 public education department minimum educational standards and
7 fiscal requirements; and

8 WHEREAS, charter schools in New Mexico have now had a
9 period of years in which to test new ideas and methods in these
10 and other areas;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
12 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department be
13 requested to conduct a study of charter school innovations and
14 report to the legislative education study committee, the state
15 school boards association and the state superintendents
16 association on such innovations; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the secretary of public education.

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