

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING NEW MEXICO SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO WORK WITH THE  
3 CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC  
4 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO EXPLORE OFFERING OR EXPANDING SUMMER  
5 FOOD SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS.

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7 WHEREAS, New Mexico is ranked first in the nation in  
8 food insecurity and third in hunger; and

9 WHEREAS, children in low-income communities are eligible  
10 to receive free or reduced-price meals during the school year  
11 through the national school lunch and school breakfast  
12 programs and those programs end when vacation begins; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States department of agriculture's  
14 summer food service program helps children eighteen years old  
15 and younger to continue to get the nutrition they need to  
16 learn, play and grow throughout the summer months when they  
17 are out of school; and

18 WHEREAS, the organizations that can be approved to serve  
19 summer meals are school food authorities, governmental  
20 entities, private nonprofit organizations, residential camps  
21 and national youth sports programs; and

22 WHEREAS, meals can be served in apartment complexes,  
23 boys' and girls' clubs, churches, community centers, migrant  
24 centers, parks, playgrounds and school cafeterias; and

25 WHEREAS, the United States department of

1 agriculture-funded summer food service program can be  
2 administered at a lower reimbursement rate in school  
3 districts as a seamless summer program through the public  
4 education department or administered by school food  
5 authorities, governmental entities, private nonprofit  
6 organizations, residential camps and national youth sports  
7 programs as a traditional summer food service program at a  
8 higher reimbursement rate through the children, youth and  
9 families department; and

10 WHEREAS, less than fifty New Mexico school districts  
11 administer a summer food service program; and

12 WHEREAS, only forty percent of children eligible for  
13 free and reduced-price meals during the school year also  
14 receive summer meals;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE  
16 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the children, youth and families  
17 department and the public education department, in  
18 conjunction with the New Mexico task force to end hunger, be  
19 requested to prepare a survey on the feasibility of a summer  
20 food service program in each eligible school district; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each eligible school  
22 district be requested to complete a feasibility study and  
23 present it to the children, youth and families department,  
24 the public education department and the New Mexico task force  
25 to end hunger no later than September 1, 2007; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governor request each  
2 school district to prepare a feasibility study on summer food  
3 service programs for students in New Mexico; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the children, youth and  
5 families department and the public education department  
6 present a report on the study to the governor and to the  
7 appropriate interim legislative committee no later than  
8 October 30, 2007; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of public  
11 education, the secretary of children, youth and families and  
12 the New Mexico task force to end hunger. \_\_\_\_\_

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