

1 A MEMORIAL

2 COMMENDING THE JOBS FOR AMERICA'S GRADUATES-NEW MEXICO
3 PROGRAM ON ITS SUCCESS, AND REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC
4 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXPAND THE PROGRAM.
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6 WHEREAS, the jobs for America's graduates-New Mexico
7 program was established in 2004 in the public education
8 department as a dropout prevention and dropout re-engagement
9 program; and

10 WHEREAS, the program has helped five hundred ten youths
11 in eleven New Mexico high schools who were at risk of
12 dropping out of school by ensuring that they successfully
13 completed high school, entered post-secondary education and
14 gained quality jobs and careers; and

15 WHEREAS, the jobs for America's graduates-New Mexico
16 program focuses on:

17 A. tutoring, study skills, training and
18 instruction leading to successful high school graduation;

19 B. pre-employment training, work experience,
20 work-based learning and mentoring;

21 C. community service and peer-centered activities
22 that encourage responsibility and other positive social
23 behaviors during non-school hours;

24 D. support services and transitional links that
25 assist students in the elimination of barriers to employment

1 and post-secondary education;

2 E. employability competencies in the areas of
3 basic academic skills, career development, job attainment,
4 leadership skills, personal skills and job retention skills;
5 and

6 F. twelve months of follow-up services designed to
7 strengthen youths' prospects of successful graduation and
8 access to jobs and post-secondary education upon graduation;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, all twenty-eight jobs for America's graduates
11 state affiliates, including jobs for America's graduates-New
12 Mexico program, use an electronic reporting system and
13 database to document schoolwide performance and hold job
14 specialists accountable for success in meeting performance
15 outcomes for the young people they serve; and

16 WHEREAS, the success rates for the jobs for America's
17 graduates and jobs for America's graduates-New Mexico
18 programs include a ninety percent graduation rate and an
19 eighty percent full-time job placement rate; and

20 WHEREAS, the jobs for America's graduates-New Mexico
21 program supports New Mexico's high school redesign in its
22 emphasis on curriculum relevant to students' lives, its focus
23 on career awareness and demonstration of knowledge of career
24 pathways and its insistence on accountability as measured
25 through student success;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the jobs for America's
3 graduates-New Mexico program be commended for its success;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this public-private
6 partnership involving the New Mexico business roundtable and
7 the public education department be expanded; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the secretary of public education and the New
10 Mexico business roundtable.

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