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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION
12 WITH THE CHILDREN'S CABINET, STUDY THE CREATION AND OPERATION
13 OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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15 WHEREAS, community school students show significant gains
16 in academic achievement and in essential areas of nonacademic
17 development; and

18 WHEREAS, families of community school students show
19 increased stability, communication with teachers and school
20 involvement; and

21 WHEREAS, parents of community school students demonstrate
22 a greater sense of responsibility for their children's learning
23 success; and

24 WHEREAS, community schools enjoy stronger parent-teacher
25 relationships, increased teacher satisfaction, a more positive

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1 school environment and greater community support; and

2 WHEREAS, community schools promote better use of public
3 school buildings and their neighborhoods enjoy increased
4 security, heightened community pride and better rapport among
5 students and residents;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department, in
8 conjunction with the children's cabinet, be requested to study
9 the need for and possible approaches to structuring community
10 schools in the state's public schools; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include:

12 A. identification of challenges and problems that
13 New Mexico faces in reaching its educational goals;

14 B. inventory of community-schools-type programs at
15 public school sites funded by different sources, such as
16 municipal and county governments, foundations and other
17 private-sector groups;

18 C. assessment of how those programs are addressing
19 problems in their public schools and communities;

20 D. evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of
21 those programs;

22 E. review of community school models in other
23 states;

24 F. identification of key dimensions to implementing
25 community schools in New Mexico, including program models, core

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1 activities, cost per student, governance and partnership models
2 and staffing patterns;

3 G. costs of implementing community schools in New
4 Mexico and funding sources other than public school funding;
5 and

6 H. consideration of state policies that are needed
7 to implement community schools in New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education
9 department and the children's cabinet involve public schools,
10 local governments and community stakeholders in rural, urban
11 and suburban school districts; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education
13 department and the children's cabinet work closely with the
14 funding formula study task force and its contractor, the
15 American institutes for research, while conducting the study;
16 and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education
18 department and the children's cabinet report their findings and
19 recommendations to the legislature by December 1, 2007; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the public education department; the secretary
22 of children, youth and families for further distribution to the
23 children's cabinet members; the legislative education study
24 committee; and the legislative council service for further
25 distribution to the American institutes for research.

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