

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 12

2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 URGING SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS TO FULLY IMPLEMENT
12 STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS BY PROVIDING CAREER AND TECHNICAL
13 EDUCATION COURSES TO STUDENTS IN GRADES FOUR THROUGH TWELVE.

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15 WHEREAS, career and technical education provides learning
16 opportunities for students through skill-acquisition and
17 project-based instruction; and

18 WHEREAS, student engagement may be fostered by providing
19 opportunities to learn technical skills and engage in applied
20 learning projects; and

21 WHEREAS, existing pathways for student engagement should
22 be enthusiastically embraced and fully implemented; and

23 WHEREAS, Subsection F of Section 22-13-1 NMSA 1978
24 requires that students in grades four through eight be offered
25 career and technical education electives in public school; and

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1 WHEREAS, Paragraph (7) of Subsection J of Section
2 22-13-1.1 NMSA 1978 requires public high schools to offer
3 career and technical education courses as electives;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
5 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that every school district and charter
6 school serving students in any of grades four through twelve be
7 requested to provide career and technical education courses to
8 their students; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that every school district and
10 charter school serving students in any of grades four through
11 twelve be requested to report to the public education
12 department at the end of each semester about its implementation
13 of Subsection F of Section 22-13-1 NMSA 1978 or Paragraph (7)
14 of Subsection J of Section 22-13-1.1 NMSA 1978, including
15 listing the career and technical education courses offered that
16 semester and the number of students in each grade taking career
17 and technical education courses; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the secretary of public education, the
20 legislative finance committee and the legislative education
21 study committee.