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**53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A WELLNESS EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR STUDENT AND STAFF WELL-BEING.

WHEREAS, developing and implementing comprehensive wellness policies helps students and staff fulfill their individual potential and brings wider benefits to society and the economy; and

WHEREAS, physical and emotional wellness is important to the ability of students to focus on learning; and

WHEREAS, staff well-being is essential to develop and retain quality teachers, leaders and staff; and

WHEREAS, modifications to rules issued by the public education department pertaining to school district wellness policies could facilitate a well-rounded education for

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1 students; and

2 WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to study possible  
3 legislative changes to existing statutes pertaining to the  
4 funding of school district wellness policies; and

5 WHEREAS, the establishment of a wellness education task  
6 force could further recognition of the importance of student  
7 and staff well-being;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
9 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public  
10 education department be requested to convene a wellness  
11 education task force to study the feasibility of increased  
12 funding for student and staff well-being; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the wellness education task  
14 force be requested to study modifications to rules issued by  
15 the public education department pertaining to school district  
16 wellness policies that could facilitate a well-rounded  
17 education for students; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the wellness education task  
19 force be requested to study possible legislative changes to  
20 existing statutes pertaining to the funding of school district  
21 wellness policies; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the wellness education task  
23 force be composed of representatives of the office of the  
24 governor, the public education department, the New Mexico  
25 school boards association and the legislative education study

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1 committee; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its  
3 findings and recommendations to the legislative education study  
4 committee and the legislative finance committee by October 1,  
5 2018; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
7 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of public education,  
8 the chair of the legislative education study committee, the  
9 chair of the legislative finance committee and the president of  
10 the board of directors of the New Mexico school boards  
11 association.

