

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 111

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A TASK
12 FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A REDUCTION IN PAPERWORK
13 REQUIRED OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES, MODIFICATIONS TO NEW MEXICO
14 ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULES TO REDUCE THE PAPERWORK REQUIRED OF
15 EDUCATION EMPLOYEES AND A MORATORIUM ON UNFUNDED MANDATES IN
16 SCHOOLS.

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18 WHEREAS, increased paperwork results in less time that
19 educators can devote to students and parents; and

20 WHEREAS, time away from teaching becomes a disincentive
21 for teachers to stay in the field; and

22 WHEREAS, unfunded mandates force school districts to
23 implement new programs or activities without providing the
24 necessary financial resources; and

25 WHEREAS, unfunded mandates cause school districts to

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1 stretch limited staff resources and to cut the budgets of other
2 important learning programs;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
4 OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department be requested
5 to convene a task force to study the feasibility of a reduction
6 in paperwork required of education employees and to consider
7 modifications to rules issued by the department to reduce the
8 paperwork required of education employees; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force study the
10 feasibility of a moratorium on unfunded mandates; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
12 representatives of the office of the governor, the public
13 education department, the New Mexico school boards association
14 and the legislative education study committee; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
16 findings and recommendations to the legislative education study
17 committee and the legislative finance committee by October 1,
18 2018; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of public education,
21 the chair of the legislative education study committee, the
22 chair of the legislative finance committee and the president of
23 the board of directors of the New Mexico school boards
24 association.