

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO STUDY AND
3 DEVELOP A NEW AT-RISK INDEX FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING
4 FORMULA.

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6 WHEREAS, the at-risk index is a critical component of
7 the state equalization guarantee distribution; and

8 WHEREAS, the at-risk index is meant to target funds
9 toward the education of the most vulnerable students; and

10 WHEREAS, the at-risk index is currently calculated at
11 the school district level and does not account for the wide
12 intra-district variances in demographics and enrollment at
13 the public school level; and

14 WHEREAS, the legislature has prioritized at-risk
15 students by tripling the at-risk factor over the last three
16 years, but there is no way to ensure that the at-risk funds
17 are being delivered to the public schools that the intended
18 beneficiaries attend;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
20 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public
21 education department, with the assistance of outside experts,
22 be requested to study and develop a new at-risk index in the
23 public school funding formula that provides for its
24 calculation at the public school level and takes into account
25 demographic data for subgroups associated with the district

1 court's ruling in *Martinez and Yazzie v. State of New Mexico*;
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
4 transmitted to the public education department, the
5 legislative education study committee and the legislative
6 finance committee.

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