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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO CONVENE
A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF MAKING ALL EDUCATIONAL
ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY HIGH SCHOOLS FREE AND RECOMMEND
STRATEGIES FOR PROVIDING FREE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO ALL
STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, classrooms are not the only place in which
students gain a well-rounded education; and

WHEREAS, there are many types of educational activities
offered by high schools, including marching band, speech and
debate, graphic design, fine arts and theater; and

WHEREAS, educational activities that allow students to
display musical, performative and intellectual talents can be
exceptionally enriching for a student's education and mental
well-being; and

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1 WHEREAS, most educational activities offered at high
2 schools are underfunded by the state, and students and their
3 families are required to contribute significant amounts of
4 money in order to participate in the activities; and

5 WHEREAS, many students are unable to participate in
6 educational activities because their families are unable to pay
7 for the equipment, instruments, uniforms and transportation
8 that are required to participate in educational activities; and

9 WHEREAS, it is the state's responsibility to provide a
10 well-rounded and enriching education to students in New Mexico;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
12 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative
13 education study committee be requested to convene a task force
14 to study the feasibility of making all educational activities
15 offered by high schools free to students and recommend
16 strategies for providing free educational activities to all
17 students; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
19 a diverse group of members, including:

20 A. two members from the legislative education study
21 committee;

22 B. one member from the public education department;

23 C. one member from the Albuquerque public school
24 district; and

25 D. two members who have experience in high school

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1 music education; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be requested to
3 provide a report on the task force's findings and
4 recommendations to the legislative education study committee
5 and the legislative finance committee by November 1, 2025; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the chair and vice chair of the legislative
8 education study committee, the public education department and
9 the superintendent of the Albuquerque public school district.