

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 58

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

GERALD E. WEEKS

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ASSIST HIGH SCHOOLS AND STUDENT ATHLETES IN MEETING NEW MEXICO COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INITIAL-ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS SO THAT STUDENT ATHLETES WILL NOT BE FORCED TO RELINQUISH SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, the national collegiate athletic association division I and II member institutions overwhelmingly endorsed the establishment of an initial-eligibility clearinghouse in 1993 to evaluate high school core courses in a consistent manner by trained, unbiased individuals and to review all other information required for initial-eligibility certification; and

WHEREAS, the national collegiate athletic association has established certain academic course requirements and procedures for nonstandard course approval by the clearinghouse academic

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1 requirements committee that are based on documentation provided  
2 by high school principals or guidance personnel verifying that  
3 the nonstandard courses are qualitatively and quantitatively the  
4 same as regular academic courses; and

5 WHEREAS, student athletes may not receive appropriate or  
6 sufficient guidance on the clearinghouse initial-eligibility  
7 requirements and the interrelationships of high school courses  
8 and courses required by the clearinghouse; and

9 WHEREAS, there is evidence that New Mexico student athletes  
10 have encountered difficulties in meeting clearinghouse initial-  
11 eligibility requirements, which puts their college admissions  
12 and scholarships in jeopardy; and

13 WHEREAS, information must be disseminated in a timely and  
14 appropriate manner to students, high school counselors,  
15 administrators and athletic personnel, colleges and  
16 universities, as well as the clearinghouse; and

17 WHEREAS, all students, including student athletes, must  
18 receive consistent, accurate and appropriate information to meet  
19 course, graduation and other necessary requirements; and

20 WHEREAS, the state board of education must prescribe  
21 courses of instruction, requirements for graduation and  
22 standards for all public schools, for private schools seeking  
23 state accreditation and for all the educational programs  
24 conducted in state institutions;

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state board of education  
2 communicate to school districts the student eligibility  
3 requirements for national collegiate athletic association  
4 athletic scholarships and that the state board of education  
5 encourage school counselors to share this information with  
6 students and parents in a timely manner; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education  
8 work with the New Mexico activities association to ensure that  
9 information on national collegiate athletic association  
10 eligibility requirements be included annually in New Mexico  
11 activities association mailings to member schools and that the  
12 national collegiate athletic association initial-eligibility  
13 requirements are the topic of appropriate New Mexico activities  
14 association state and regional meetings; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education  
16 inquire of the New Mexico national collegiate athletic  
17 association presidents commission members what problems students  
18 in New Mexico are encountering in meeting the initial-  
19 eligibility requirements; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education  
21 communicate through the New Mexico national collegiate athletic  
22 association presidents commission regarding the state board of  
23 education alternative credit options and courses that correspond  
24 with national collegiate athletic association course  
25 requirements; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the president of the state board of education, the superintendent of public instruction, the New Mexico activities association and New Mexico national collegiate athletic association representatives for appropriate distribution.

# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

**FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE**

**SECOND SESSION, 1996**

**February 8, 1996**

**Mr. Speaker:**

**Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred**

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**has had it under consideration and finds same to be  
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Barbara A. Perea Casey,**

**Chairperson**

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Knowles, Lujan, Nicely, Ryan, J. G. Taylor, Wallach

Absent: None

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# **State of New Mexico House of Representatives**

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 14, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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