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2 43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY
12 THE EFFECTIVENESS OF STATE LAWS ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND TO
13 PREPARE A BILL FOR THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY-FOURTH
14 LEGISLATURE TO IMPROVE NEW MEXICO'S SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND
15 GRADUATION RATES.

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17 WHEREAS, New Mexico is forty-seventh in per capita income
18 among the fifty states; and

19 WHEREAS, education and training are often cited as the
20 most important criteria for attracting industry and
21 stimulating the economy; and

22 WHEREAS, statistics on school attendance and dropout
23 rates in New Mexico are inexact and inconsistently collected
24 and maintained, but, according to the best available national
25 statistics, New Mexico has a dropout rate of eight and

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1 one-half percent annually, which is twice the national average
2 according to some experts; and

3 WHEREAS, some estimates indicate that between thirty and
4 forty percent of high school freshmen drop out before
5 graduation; and

6 WHEREAS, many schools indicate that attendance in the
7 classroom is very low relative to schools in other states; and

8 WHEREAS, several school districts have addressed the
9 dropout problem with alternative schools or alternative
10 curricula; and

11 WHEREAS, some states have enacted tougher compulsory
12 attendance laws that may provide effective incentives for
13 remaining in school;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
16 committee be requested to study school attendance and to
17 prepare legislation for the first session of the forty-fourth
18 legislature to improve graduation and school attendance rates;
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education
21 study committee submit its findings and recommendations to the
22 legislature by January 1, 1999; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
24 transmitted to the chairman and the director of the
25 legislative education study committee.

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8 Mr. Speaker:
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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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15 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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10 The roll call vote was 6 For 1 Against

11 Yes: 6

12 No: Mallory

13 Excused: Beam, Nicely, Trujillo-Knauer, Vigil, W. C. Williams, Wright

14 Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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Yes: 4

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No: Rodriguez, Lopez, Nava

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Excused: Duran, Garcia, Gorham

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Absent: None

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