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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 6**  
**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

**INTRODUCED BY**  
**Dolores C. Wright**

**FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE**

**A JOINT MEMORIAL**  
**REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO STUDY**  
**THE FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING SEAT BELTS ON ALL SCHOOL BUSES**  
**AND INSTALLING AIR CONDITIONING IN THOSE BUSES THAT TRANSPORT**  
**MEDICALLY FRAGILE STUDENTS.**

**WHEREAS, the injury rate in school bus accidents has**  
**increased; and**

**WHEREAS, research indicates that high-backed padded seats**  
**and seat belts together improve overall bus passenger safety**  
**by providing true compartmentalization in accidents,**  
**especially side impacts and rollovers; and**

**WHEREAS, the use of seat belts on school buses can**  
**reinforce the message to children that restraints should be**  
**used in family cars; and**

**WHEREAS, students who are properly belted in are less**

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1       distracting to the school bus drivers; and

2               WHEREAS, a large school bus of sixty-six passengers can  
3       be equipped with seat belts for a minimal dollar amount; and

4               WHEREAS, the comfort of medically fragile students would  
5       be greatly enhanced with an air-conditioned environment;

6               NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
7       STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public  
8       education be requested to study the accident and injury rate  
9       on school buses and establish cost-effective recommendations  
10      to improve the safety of and reduce the risk of serious injury  
11      to New Mexico's students, including the installation of seat  
12      belts; and

13              BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of  
14      public education also be requested to study the issue of  
15      providing air conditioning in buses that transport medically  
16      fragile students to and from school and research other options  
17      available to reduce the ambient air temperature inside school  
18      buses; and

19              BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of  
20      public education report its findings and recommendations to  
21      the legislative education study committee by November 1, 1999;  
22      and

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

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6 February 19, 1999  
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8 Mr. Speaker:  
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10 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred  
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:  
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- 17 1. On page 1, line 12, after "ALL" insert "NEW".  
18 2. On page 1, line 13, after "THOSE" insert "NEW".  
19 3. On page 2, line 12 after "belts" insert "in new  
20 buses".  
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Respectfully submitted,

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4 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 10

6 Excused: Burpo, King, Macko, Marquardt, Miera, Wright

7 Absent: None

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21 R. David Pederson, Chairman  
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Excused: Garcia, Luna, Martinez, Stewart, Sanchez

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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Excused: Boitano, Gorham

Absent: None

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