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2 44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO
12 MAINTAIN SEPARATE STATISTICS DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN STUDENTS
13 WHO EARN A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND STUDENTS WHO EARN A
14 GRADUATE EQUIVALENCY DEGREE.
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16 WHEREAS, the state department of public education
17 annually prepares and publishes a report on public and private
18 education in the state and distributes the report to the
19 governor and the legislature; and

20 WHEREAS, many students in this state are dropping out of
21 school and electing to seek a general equivalency diploma
22 rather than a high school diploma; and

23 WHEREAS, the state department of public education is
24 considering the maintenance of records that would fail to
25 distinguish between students who have earned graduate

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1 equivalency degrees and those who have earned high school
2 diplomas, thus skewing the state dropout rate;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
5 education be required to maintain separate records and
6 statistics distinguishing between students who receive a high
7 school diploma and students who earn a graduate equivalency
8 degree; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of
10 public education report its annual statistics distinguishing
11 between students who receive a high school diploma and
12 students who earn a graduate equivalency degree to the
13 governor and the legislature prior to December 1 of each year
14 in accordance with Subsection D of Section 22-2-6 NMSA 1978;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction and
18 the members of the 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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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS.

16 Respectfully submitted,

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22 Rick Miera, Chairman
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The roll call vote was 16 For 0 Against

Yes: 16

Excused: None

Absent: None

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Mr. President:

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recommendation that it DO PASS.

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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Excused: Lopez, Rodriguez

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Absent: None

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