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HOUSE MEMORIAL 11

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

INTRODUCED BY

Art Hawkins

A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
ENCOURAGE THE USE OF PHONICS IN READING IN PRE-KINDERGARTEN
THROUGH GRADE FIVE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, it is of great importance that children in primary grades learn basic
reading skills; and

WHEREAS, there is a great desire to improve the educational system in the state; and

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that all students are taught to read by using
systematic phonics instruction in pre-kindergarten through grade five; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to keep a record of a student's competencies to understand
what is mastered by the student;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of
public education encourage that students enrolled in pre-kindergarten through grade five be
taught using phonics in order to ensure that they learn to read and write proficiently; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the state

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1 department of public education and the legislative education study committee.

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FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION, 1999

March 8, 1999

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**,
amended as follows:

1. On page 1, line 12, strike “PRE-KINDERGARTEN” and insert “GRADE ONE”.
2. On page 1, line 20 and 21, strike “pre-kindergarten” and insert “grade one”.
3. On page 2, line 2, strike “pre-kindergarten” and insert “grade one”.

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5 Respectfully submitted,

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10 **Rick Miera, Chairman**

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12 Adopted _____ Not Adopted _____

13 (Chief Clerk)

(Chief Clerk)

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17 The roll call vote was 13 For 0 Against

18 Yes: 13

19 Excused: Beam, Stapleton

20 Absent: Marquardt

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