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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 4

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

INTRODUCED BY

Cynthia Nava

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO ASSESS THE ADEQUACY OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL PORTION OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING FORMULA TO IMPROVE THE SUPPLY, RETENTION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHERS.

WHEREAS, teacher attrition and teacher retirements are increasing the demand for new teachers in schools in New Mexico and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the supply of quality teachers prepared by New Mexico's universities is insufficient to meet the schools' demands for a highly qualified and diverse teacher labor force; and

WHEREAS, the availability of state funds and their allocation and use by the universities affect the universities' ability to supply new teachers and to assist in

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1 their retention and professional growth; and

2 WHEREAS, the commission on higher education's funding
3 formula and rules may inhibit the establishment of new and
4 expanded programs of teacher preparation, teacher retention
5 and teacher professional development; and

6 WHEREAS, the university budgets may not be attaching
7 sufficiently high priority to the state's need to assure the
8 preparation of highly qualified teachers;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commission on higher education be
11 asked, in cooperation with the state board of education and
12 representatives of the universities, public schools and the
13 teaching profession, to conduct a study to assess the adequacy
14 of the instructional portion of the higher education funding
15 formula, commission rules and university budgeting practices
16 in order to identify opportunities and needs to improve the
17 supply, retention and professional development of teachers,
18 particularly in areas of critical need; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study examine the cost of
20 each cluster of disciplines to determine whether sufficient
21 funds are provided to maintain high quality programs,
22 including outreach programs, with particular attention to the
23 amount of funding that is distributed to colleges of education
24 and teacher preparation programs; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all public two- and four-

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1 year post-secondary educational institutions be required to
2 submit any necessary data to the commission on higher
3 education in order to allow for the completion of the cost
4 model by December 31, 2000; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher
6 education report its findings and recommendations to the
7 legislative education study committee by November 1, 1999; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the director of the commission on higher
10 education, the superintendent of public instruction, the
11 presidents of the four-year public post-secondary educational
12 institutions and the director of the legislative education
13 study committee.

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8 Mr. President:

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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with
15 recommendation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
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11 No: Adair, Gorham, Kysar

12 Excused: Altamirano

13 Absent: None

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21 Rick Miera, Chairman
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11 Excused: Wright

12 Absent: Burpo, Dana, Macko

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