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

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE
MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF SUPPORTING ARTICULATED, QUALITY
PROGRAMS OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION IN ALL GRADES
IN NEW MEXICO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.**

**WHEREAS, learning an art form involves diligent work in
technique and process; and**

**WHEREAS, students who participate in quality arts
education programs learn the value of hard work and self-
discipline; and**

**WHEREAS, arts education programs provide engaging and
challenging opportunities for students to learn by and through
the arts a better understanding of history and the relation of
one's heritage to other cultures; and**

WHEREAS, arts education programs provide for children's

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1 different learning styles and enable the teacher to instruct
2 the whole child through a broad range of activities; and

3 WHEREAS, arts education programs provide for the
4 development of important job skills, including communication,
5 critical thinking, flexibility, cooperation, decision-making
6 and commitment; and

7 WHEREAS, New Mexico's children deserve quality arts
8 education in their regular school program;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
11 education, in cooperation with the New Mexico alliance for
12 arts education, the office of cultural affairs and New Mexico
13 culturenet, develop a comprehensive plan for the most
14 effective means of supporting and integrating arts education
15 into the curriculum in all grades in the public schools; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the comprehensive plan
17 include an in-depth analysis of the strengths, weaknesses and
18 needs for an articulated, quality program of visual and
19 performing arts education in all grades; and

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the state department of public education, the

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