

1 **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 24**
2 **44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

3 **INTRODUCED BY**
4 **Ramsay L. Gorham**
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8 **FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**
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10 **A JOINT MEMORIAL**
11 **REQUESTING INFORMATION ON THE ADVISABILITY OF REQUIRING**
12 **NEWBORN HEARING TESTING.**
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14 **WHEREAS, six of every one thousand new babies are born**
15 **with a hearing loss; and**

16 **WHEREAS, children with an undetected hearing loss**
17 **experience significant developmental delays; and**

18 **WHEREAS, without screening, the average age of hearing**
19 **loss detection is age two and one-half; and**

20 **WHEREAS, many but not all hospitals routinely perform a**
21 **universal newborn hearing screening; and**

22 **WHEREAS, the state has a responsibility to ensure by**
23 **every means possible the healthy growth of all of our**
24 **children;**

25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE**

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1 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health, with the
2 cooperation of the commission for deaf and hard-of-hearing
3 persons, develop a factual assessment of the current newborn
4 hearing screening practices throughout New Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in so doing, statewide
6 hospital representatives, medical practitioners, audiologists,
7 early intervention specialists, members of the deaf and hard-
8 of-hearing community and other health consumers and the health
9 insurance industry be consulted; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the financial impact of
11 requiring newborn hearing testing, including available funding
12 resources, be assessed; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that practices and statutes of
14 other states be taken into consideration; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of this
16 assessment, together with any recommendations for legislation,
17 be presented to the governor and to the legislative health and
18 human services committee by September 1, 1999; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
20 delivered to the department of health and the commission for
21 deaf and hard-of-hearing persons.

1 FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

2 FIRST SESSION, 1999

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5 February 2, 1999

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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11 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 24

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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16 Respectfully submitted,

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23 Gloria Howes, Co-Chair

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9 Yes: 7

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11 Excused: Altamirano

12 Absent: None

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6 February 16, 1999

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8 Mr. Speaker:

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10 Your CONSUMER AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to
11 whom has been referred

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15 has had it under consideration and reports same with
16 recommendation that it DO PASS.

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22 Patsy Trujillo Knauer, Chairwoman
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

Excused: None

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