SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 55

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

INTRODUCED BY

Cynthia Nava

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION STUDY
THE FEASIBILITY OF INCORPORATING SERVICE LEARNING INTO THE
REGULAR CURRICULUM AND ENCOURAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO RECOGNIZE
STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICE.

WHEREAS, service learning is a method whereby students
learn and develop through active participation in thoughtfully
organized service that is coordinated with schools and
community service programs and meets the needs of communities;
and

WHEREAS, service learning expands opportunities for young
people to serve their communities while enhancing their
education; and

WHEREAS, service learning can be done by a student of any
age and ability in any district in New Mexico and projects can

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1   focus on one academic subject or be interdisciplinary; and

2   WHEREAS, service learning provides training in youth

3   leadership and community development by fostering civic

4   responsibility; and

5   WHEREAS, service learning should be integrated into the

6   students' curricula to provide structured time for students to

7   reflect on their service activity; and

8   WHEREAS, service learning helps make curricula relevant

9   to today's world and provides students with projects that

10   enhance critical thinking and problem solving skills; and

11   WHEREAS, research has shown that schools that provide

12   service learning opportunities have reduced dropout rates and

13   enhanced academic achievement; and

14   WHEREAS, service learning supports the state board of

15   education's content standards and benchmarks;

16   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

17   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public

18   education examine the feasibility of incorporating service

19   learning into the regular curriculum and encourage school

20   districts to record on students' transcripts or high school

21   graduation diplomas their participation in community-based or

22   service learning; and

23   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of

24   public education report its findings and recommendations to

25   the legislative education study committee no later than

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1　October 29, 1999; and

2　　　BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

3　transmitted to the director of the legislative education study

4　committee and the superintendent of public instruction for

5　appropriate distribution.

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Mr. President:

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**.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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Adopted_____ Not

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8   The roll call vote was _5_ For _3_ Against

9   Yes: 5

10   No: Adair, Duran, Gorham

11   Excused: Garcia, Lopez

12   Absent: None

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