

1 **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 1**

2 **44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 1999**

3 **INTRODUCED BY**

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10 **A JOINT MEMORIAL**

11 **REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE, THE**  
12 **COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF**  
13 **PUBLIC EDUCATION DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACCOMPLISH SPANISH**  
14 **PROFICIENCY AMONG TEACHERS IN NEW MEXICO.**

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16 **WHEREAS, the constitution of New Mexico directs the**  
17 **legislature to provide training for teachers to accomplish**  
18 **Spanish proficiency in the public schools and educational**  
19 **institutions across the state; and**

20 **WHEREAS, many students enrolled in the public schools and**  
21 **in educational institutions in New Mexico are Spanish speakers**  
22 **who would benefit from teachers who could provide the proper**  
23 **means and methods to facilitate the teaching of the English**  
24 **language; and**

25 **WHEREAS, other students who are not Spanish speakers**

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1 would also benefit from teachers who could provide the proper  
2 means and methods to facilitate the teaching of the Spanish  
3 language; and

4 WHEREAS, providing students throughout the state with a  
5 bilingual education would lead to better communication among  
6 New Mexico's diverse population;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study  
9 committee, the commission on higher education and the state  
10 department of public education develop a plan and budget to  
11 implement and honor the provisions of Article 12, Section 8 of  
12 the constitution of New Mexico; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education  
14 study committee, the commission on higher education and the  
15 state department of public education include in the plan and  
16 budget a method for also providing students who are not  
17 Spanish speakers the opportunity to enhance their education by  
18 learning to speak Spanish; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan and its  
20 recommendations be submitted to the legislature by December  
21 1999; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
23 transmitted to the director of the legislative education study  
24 committee, the director of the commission on higher education  
25 and the superintendent of public instruction.