

1 **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 2**

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

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9 A JOINT MEMORIAL

10 DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT  
11 A STUDY OF SCHOOL VOUCHERS DURING THE INTERIM.

12 WHEREAS, the issue of educational choice is being widely  
13 debated in New Mexico this year; and

14 WHEREAS, the implementation of a school voucher program  
15 will require a comprehensive re-working of our current school  
16 funding regulations; and

17 WHEREAS, a new system that offers school choice will have  
18 an impact on public, private and parochial schools; and

19 WHEREAS, there remain numerous questions that must be  
20 resolved prior to the implementation of a comprehensive and  
21 fair statewide program of school choice; and

22 WHEREAS, this complex issue is one of central importance  
23 to the citizens of the state and therefore due consideration  
24 should be given to the issue before the implementation of a  
25 school voucher program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study

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committee be directed to research and study the full implications of a broad-based and comprehensive voucher program and any issues raised by instituting such a program in New Mexico; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education study committee make this issue the top priority during the interim and report its findings to the second session of the forty-fourth legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the legislative education study committee.