

HOUSE MEMORIAL 10

**57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2026**

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW  
EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE HUMAN SEXUALITY EDUCATION STANDARDS AND  
PROGRAMMING TO EVALUATE HOW THE STANDARDS ARE CURRENTLY  
IMPLEMENTED ACROSS SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND TO IDENTIFY  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT.

WHEREAS, by age fifteen, twenty-two percent of youth have  
engaged in sexual intercourse, and that rate increases to  
fifty-six percent by age eighteen, and of those, more than one-  
half do not use an effective birth control method; and

WHEREAS, human sexuality education provides accurate,  
evidence-based, comprehensive information about sexual health,  
contraception and sexually transmitted infections and improved  
knowledge of health care services that can have a significant  
positive impact on a young person's life by decreasing rates of

1 unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and  
2 reports of depression and anxiety; and

3 WHEREAS, providing accurate information to youth about  
4 sexual health, contraception and sexually transmitted  
5 infections and improving knowledge of health care services  
6 increases protective sexual behaviors, such as the correct use  
7 of condoms and birth control and abstinence from and delay of  
8 sexual activity; and

9 WHEREAS, additional benefits from providing human  
10 sexuality education to youth include increasing safety in  
11 relationships by teaching about healthy communication, consent  
12 and healthy relationships and reducing bullying and violence in  
13 schools by addressing misinformation and fear-based messages  
14 that can be potentially harmful to youth; and

15 WHEREAS, despite current laws in New Mexico that require  
16 that human sexuality education be taught before graduation, not  
17 all students are receiving comprehensive human sexuality  
18 education in New Mexico schools, and those that offer some  
19 human sexuality education often do not have equal access to  
20 medically accurate, comprehensive human sexuality education;

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
22 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative  
23 education study committee be requested to review comprehensive  
24 human sexuality education standards and programming in New  
25 Mexico, to evaluate how those standards and programs are

1 currently implemented across school districts and to identify  
2 opportunities for improvement; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the staff of the legislative  
4 education study committee be requested to submit a report on or  
5 before December 1, 2026 to the legislative education study  
6 committee on the review of comprehensive human sexuality  
7 education standards and programming in the state with  
8 recommendations for legislative action; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
10 transmitted to the director of the legislative education study  
11 committee.

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