

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE COLLABORATE
3 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, THE INDIAN
4 AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE TO
5 IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND AN APPROPRIATE FORMAL INTERIM HEARING
6 AND REVIEW PROCESS FOR SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY
7 PROJECTS.

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9 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school provides education
10 to students from seventh through twelfth grades; and

11 WHEREAS, students attending the Santa Fe Indian school
12 come from all nineteen Indian pueblos in New Mexico; and

13 WHEREAS, the state's nineteen Indian pueblos include
14 land in thirteen counties: Bernalillo, Catron, Cibola,
15 Lincoln, McKinley, Otero, Rio Arriba, San Juan, Sandoval,
16 Santa Fe, Socorro, Taos and Valencia; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2000, the attorney general opined that the
18 Santa Fe Indian school is a statewide institution because it
19 provides education to New Mexico students who would otherwise
20 be educated in other New Mexico public schools; and

21 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school's importance and
22 service to the state's Native American community and to the
23 state in general is critical; and

24 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Santa Fe Indian school is to
25 provide a challenging, stimulating academic program of

1 excellence that shares with students and their parents the
2 responsibility for developing the students' potential to meet
3 obligations to themselves and to their communities; and

4 WHEREAS, students at the Santa Fe Indian school are
5 provided with a place to explore, walk new paths and seek new
6 experiences and career opportunities while remaining true to
7 their Native American identity; and

8 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school cannot participate
9 in the state's public school operational funding formula
10 process or the higher education funding process; and

11 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school has no state project
12 review process through which it can prioritize and justify
13 its capital outlay needs;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
15 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the
16 legislative finance committee collaborate with the department
17 of finance and administration, the Indian affairs department
18 and the legislative council service to identify and recommend
19 an appropriate formal interim hearing and review process for
20 Santa Fe Indian school capital outlay projects; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative finance
22 committee, in collaboration with the department of finance
23 and administration, the Indian affairs department and the
24 legislative council service, present its recommendations at
25 an interim legislative finance committee meeting so that

1 determinations on Santa Fe Indian school funding requests may
2 be made by November 1, 2017 for possible inclusion in
3 legislation for consideration by the full legislative body
4 beginning in the second session of the fifty-third
5 legislature; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the director of the legislative finance
8 committee, the secretary of finance and administration, the
9 secretary of Indian affairs and the director of the
10 legislative council service.

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