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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
COMMITTEE STUDY AND REVIEW THE MANDATE THAT NEW MEXICO
COUNTIES PROVIDE FOR EXPENSES OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico counties are mandated to provide for
expenses of various state agencies, such as expenses for
office space, utilities and some maintenance costs for
district courts, district attorneys, juvenile probation and
parole officers and the department of health; and

WHEREAS, without any assistance in funding from the
state, a county is mandated to cover expenses and capital
requirements for various state agencies out of the county's
general fund, which decreases the county's ability to serve
the needs of the citizens of that county; and

WHEREAS, county officials recognize the benefit to the
citizens of New Mexico of having state services available

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1 locally; however, both the state and the counties would
2 benefit more from having fully developed guidelines detailing
3 the financial responsibilities of the state and the counties
4 in a manner that best serves the needs of state agencies as
5 well as recognizes the limitations on county revenues;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the courts, corrections and criminal
8 justice committee study and review the mandate that New
9 Mexico counties provide for expenses of certain state
10 agencies; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the courts, corrections and
12 criminal justice committee work with the New Mexico
13 association of counties, district courts, district attorneys,
14 juvenile probation and parole officers and the administrative
15 office of the courts to develop guidelines detailing the
16 respective financial responsibilities of the counties and the
17 state regarding the mandate of counties to provide
18 maintenance expenses and office space to certain state
19 agencies; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the chairman of the courts, corrections and
22 criminal justice committee and to the executive director of
23 the New Mexico association of counties.