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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY  
THE MEANS TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS.

WHEREAS, research studies show that quality early care  
and education for young children result in improved lives for  
those children, along with reduced costs and needs for  
special education and delinquency programs later; and

WHEREAS, the continuity of caregivers and educators is  
key to providing quality educational experiences for young  
children; and

WHEREAS, compensation is a central element in the  
decision of early childhood education and family support  
professionals to stay or leave the field; and

WHEREAS, the current compensation for early childhood  
education and family support professionals is so low that it

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1 is the major reason for the high turnover rate of those  
2 professionals;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study  
5 committee be requested to study the issue of compensation for  
6 early childhood education and family support professionals;  
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee recommend to  
9 the legislature the means to increase compensation for those  
10 professionals so that their salaries are commensurate with  
11 those of equivalent education in other fields; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the legislative education study committee.