

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
2000**

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO STUDY
AND RECOMMEND THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF INCORPORATING THE
METHODS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT CLASSES INTO THE GENERAL HIGH
SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

WHEREAS, the nationally recognized advanced placement
program provides enrolled high school students the
opportunity to take advanced courses for which they receive
high school credit and through which they become eligible for
receiving college credit for successfully completed courses;
and

WHEREAS, the nationally recognized advanced placement
program provides professional development for teachers in the
alignment of curriculum, as well as support in the process of
aligning curriculum and assessment with standards so that
enrolled students may reach higher levels of achievement; and

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1 WHEREAS, advanced placement courses are offered in more
2 than one-half of the nation's high schools but in less than
3 one-half of New Mexico's high schools; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico's students should have access to
5 enhanced learning curricula, including advanced placement
6 classes and regular classes that benefit from advanced
7 placement methods; and

8 WHEREAS, all students benefit when standards and
9 expectations are increased; and

10 WHEREAS, the state department of public education's
11 educational plan for student success already provides an
12 essential framework that can be used to integrate advanced
13 placement methods into the general curriculum;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
15 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
16 education study the feasibility of incorporating advanced
17 placement methods into the general high school curriculum and
18 make recommendations on the most effective means for school
19 districts to implement advanced placement instructional
20 methods for all students; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of
22 public education report its findings and recommendations to
23 the legislative education study committee by November 1,
24 2000; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction, the
president of the state board of education and the director of

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1 the legislative education study committee for appropriate
2 distribution.

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