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REQUESTING THE APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE EFFECT ON STUDENTS OF THE USE OF SUBSTITUTES FOR DISTRICT DIRECTED IN-SERVICE TRAINING IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the actions of school districts, taking teachers out of the classroom to attend in-service training while replacing them with substitute teachers who may not have the background to teach, may have a detrimental effect on student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the increased contact between students and teachers can greatly increase student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the providing of one hundred eighty actual days of instruction by teachers, excluding the use of substitutes when teachers are required to attend district directed inservice training, may have a positive impact on student achievement; and

WHEREAS, compensating teachers commensurately for

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providing additional instructional days to make up for district directed in-service training is necessary to increase the contact time between students and teachers, resulting in increased student achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the appropriate legislative interim committee be requested to study the effects on students of the use of substitutes when teachers are required to attend district directed in-service training in the public schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the chairman of the appropriate legislative interim committee.

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