

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE
CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES DEPARTMENT TO SURVEY EXISTING
AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, there is mounting evidence of the detrimental
consequences of children and youth being unsupervised and
without constructive activities in the after-school hours,
including increased likelihood of truancy, stress and
engaging in destructive and risky behaviors, such as criminal
activity, alcohol or drug use and sexual activity; and

WHEREAS, children attending quality after-school
programs have been found to have better grades, peer
relations, emotional adjustment and conduct in school
compared to those who are without adult supervision; and

WHEREAS, surveys indicate that the great majority of
parents are concerned that their children be in a safe and

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1 positive environment in the after-school hours; and

2 WHEREAS, successful after-school programs have a
3 beneficial effect on children and youth, their families and
4 the community; and

5 WHEREAS, various groups have made presentations to
6 interim legislative committees on the need in New Mexico for
7 after-school programs; and

8 WHEREAS, there is no readily accessible information on
9 the number of children and youth in New Mexico who currently
10 have access to after-school programs or the extent of the
11 unmet demand for additional programs;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
14 education and the children, youth and families department
15 survey the current availability, types and cost to students
16 of after-school programs for school-age children in New
17 Mexico, including programs offered by public or private
18 schools, local governments or non-profit organizations; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of
20 public education and the children, youth and families
21 department present the findings of the survey to the
22 legislative health and human services committee and the
23 legislative education study committee at their October 2000
24 meetings; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
sent to the superintendent of public instruction, the
secretary of children, youth and families, the legislative

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2 human services committee.

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