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8 FOR THE EDUCATION INITIATIVES AND ACCOUNTABILITY TASK FORCE

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE, THE
12 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
13 EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A
14 REVIEW OF THE RULES AND STATUTES GOVERNING EDUCATION.

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16 WHEREAS, the education initiatives and accountability
17 task force was established in 1999 by the New Mexico
18 legislative council to study the history and development of
19 the educational system in New Mexico, review educational
20 reform initiatives and identify recommendations to the
21 legislature for an improved educational system in New Mexico;
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23 WHEREAS, the education initiatives and accountability
24 task force's overarching goal is to increase student
25 achievement; and

WHEREAS, the education initiatives and accountability
task force has been informed that there are many rules and

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1 statutes currently in existence that impede innovation in
2 education and hinder the implementation of educational
3 initiatives that have the potential of improving our current
4 educational system; and

5 WHEREAS, the education initiatives and accountability
6 task force desires that by New Mexico's one hundredth
7 birthday, in 2012, all students will graduate from high
8 school multilingual and prepared for higher education and
9 productive careers and hopes that the implementation of
10 innovative educational initiatives will help us reach this
11 goal; and

12 WHEREAS, in order for all students to graduate from high
13 school multilingual and prepared for higher education and
14 productive careers, it is imperative for a review to be
15 conducted of the current rules and statutes in order to
16 assess which rules and statutes hamper innovations and impede
17 initiatives that may improve our state's educational system;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that, to improve lifelong learning and to
20 provide the children of this state with a quality education
21 so that they may be prepared for higher education and
22 productive careers and to be productive citizens of this
23 state, the legislative education study committee, the
24 legislative council service, the state department of public
25 education and the commission on higher education be requested
to conduct a sweeping review of the rules and statutes
governing education to identify those rules and statutes that

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impede innovation and the overarching goal of improving student achievement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the director of the legislative education study committee, the director of the legislative council service, the superintendent of public instruction and the executive director of the commission on higher education report to the appropriate legislative interim committee about their review of the rules and statutes governing education by August 2000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the appropriate legislative interim committee, legislative education study committee, legislative council service, state board of education, superintendent of public instruction and executive director of the commission on higher education.