

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 18

2 **44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - 2ND SPECIAL SESSION, 2000**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO REVIEW
12 THE SAMBRANO AGREEMENT.

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14 WHEREAS, the United States justice department entered into
15 a memorandum of understanding with the Albuquerque public
16 school district and parents of the Rio Grande high cluster
17 schools in the south valley on October 5, 1987; and

18 WHEREAS, the memorandum of understanding is known as the
19 Sambrano agreement; and

20 WHEREAS, the living document has been used as a plan to
21 improve the south valley schools in Bernalillo county by
22 addressing issues of inequitable distribution of general
23 resources, inadequacy of libraries, lack of middle school
24 science facilities, disproportionate achievement scores,
25 curriculum, conditions of physical plants and community
involvement; and

WHEREAS, an addendum to the Sambrano agreement was signed
by the Albuquerque public school district and the south valley
community on August 21, 1996 that specifically addressed

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1 disciplinary practices and the "pushout-dropout" rate; and

2 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque public school district has
3 failed to adhere to the United States justice department's
4 directives in the Sambrano agreement;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
7 committee be requested to review the Sambrano agreement and
8 convene and work with a task force to review compliance with
9 the Sambrano agreement and assess the accuracy of the
10 Albuquerque public school district's interpretations of the
11 intent and mandates of the Sambrano agreement; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
13 the superintendent of public instruction, the state board of
14 education, the superintendent of the Albuquerque public school
15 district, the president of the Albuquerque public school board,
16 the New Mexico attorney general and representatives of the
17 south valley community appointed by the speaker of the house of
18 representatives and the president pro tempore of the senate to
19 resolve existing issues so that adherence to the Sambrano
20 agreement is ensured; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education
22 study committee present the findings and recommendations of its
23 work and those of the task force to the New Mexico legislative
24 council and the New Mexico attorney general by December 15,
25 2000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the New Mexico attorney general, the legislative
education study committee members, the superintendent of public
instruction, the members of the state board of education, the

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1 president of the Albuquerque public school board and the
2 superintendent of the Albuquerque public school district.

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