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**45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001**

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**FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE**

**A JOINT MEMORIAL**

**REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, THE STATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL-TO-WORK PARTNERS TO DEVELOP A SCHOOL-TO-WORK SUSTAINABILITY PLAN.**

**WHEREAS, the New Mexico school-to-work initiative is a partnership of employers, educators and community groups that prepares New Mexico school students for careers and high academic achievement; and**

**WHEREAS, research indicates that the school-to-work initiative has resulted in increased student attendance in school, increased high school completion and increased participation and success in post-secondary education and training; and**

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1           WHEREAS, federal funding for the school-to-work initiative  
2 will terminate in fiscal year 2002; and

3           WHEREAS, the state board of education has constitutional  
4 authority over vocational education, pursuant to Article 12,  
5 Section 6 of the New Mexico constitution, and the state board  
6 of education administers the federal Carl D. Perkins Vocational  
7 and Applied Technology Education Act funds for career education  
8 from public school kindergarten through the two-year post-  
9 secondary institutions; and

10           WHEREAS, the state workforce development board was created  
11 by the 1999 legislature pursuant to requirements of the federal  
12 Workforce Investment Act to coordinate services that provide a  
13 meaningful relationship between job training and employment,  
14 and the duties of the board include the development and  
15 oversight of the one-stop employment service centers and the  
16 development of linkages to ensure coordination and  
17 nonduplication among employment programs; and

18           WHEREAS, the school-to-work initiative in New Mexico,  
19 established pursuant to 1996 congressional requirements, is  
20 administered by the office of the governor and coordinates  
21 seventeen regional area partnerships that connect training in  
22 schools and post-secondary institutions with business and  
23 industry alliances to ensure a qualified labor force; and

24           WHEREAS, in order for all public school students to  
25 prepare for productive careers through vocational and academic

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1 education and in order to continue the coordination established  
2 by the school-to-work initiative, the vocational education  
3 career preparation system and the workforce development board,  
4 a continuation of the school-to-work successful practices is  
5 necessary; and

6 WHEREAS, coordination of the school-to-work effort among  
7 its various partners has been essential in achieving the  
8 expansion of opportunities for all young people by exposing  
9 them to a broad array of career opportunities, in providing  
10 program continuity between grades kindergarten through twelve  
11 and post-secondary education and training and in assisting  
12 employers in providing high quality work-based learning  
13 opportunities; and

14 WHEREAS, the building and sustaining of public and private  
15 school-to-work partnerships is critical to the success of New  
16 Mexico's school-to-work initiative;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public  
19 education, the office of the governor, the state workforce  
20 development board and public and private school-to-work  
21 partners develop a plan to sustain the school-to-work  
22 initiative in New Mexico for implementation in fiscal year 2002  
23 to provide continuous career education, foster high academic  
24 achievement for students and sustain employment services to New  
25 Mexico's workforce from kindergarten through the two-year

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1 community college system; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and  
3 recommendations be reported to the legislative education study  
4 committee by November 2001; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction, the  
7 president of the state board of education, the office of the  
8 governor, the secretary of labor and the director of the  
9 legislative education study committee for appropriate  
10 distribution.

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