

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 12

2 **45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2002**

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8 FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO  
12 CONTINUE ITS AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION REFORM.

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14 WHEREAS, it is recognized nationally as well as among the  
15 states that public education in the United States is  
16 undergoing great change and reform to better prepare a  
17 literate and skilled citizenry that can compete successfully  
18 in the economic and political arenas of a global community and  
19 that can sustain our democratic American society through full  
20 participation in community and civic life; and

21 WHEREAS, in 1998, the New Mexico legislature recognized  
22 the need to assess the current status of New Mexico's public  
23 education system in light of shifting local, state, national  
24 and international conditions; and

25 WHEREAS, the education initiatives and accountability  
task force was established in 1999 by the New Mexico  
legislative council to study the history and development of  
the educational system in New Mexico, review educational  
reform initiatives and make recommendations to the legislature

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1 for an improved educational system in New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, the legislative education study committee  
3 participated in the education initiatives and accountability  
4 task force's deliberations and endorsed its educational reform  
5 recommendations to improve the state's public education system  
6 and increase students' academic and social success; and

7 WHEREAS, the task force completed its two-year assignment  
8 and recommended a sweeping, comprehensive education reform  
9 package, which was passed in the 2001 legislative session but  
10 vetoed by the governor; and

11 WHEREAS, in light of the gubernatorial veto, the  
12 legislative education study committee created an ad hoc  
13 committee to continue to focus legislative and public  
14 attention on the 2001 education reform legislation and the  
15 urgent need to improve teacher quality, increase school  
16 accountability and support student achievement;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study  
19 committee be requested to continue its ad hoc committee on  
20 education reform during the 2002 interim so that it may  
21 continue highlighting the work of the New Mexico education  
22 community toward educational reform; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the legislative education study committee, the  
25 state department of public education and the commission on  
higher education.

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