A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE STATE

PERSONNEL OFFICE TO COOPERATE IN ASSESSING THE STATE'S POLICY ON

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' CONTINUING EDUCATION.

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WHEREAS, continuing education is critical for the continued advancement and professional performance of state and local employees; and

WHEREAS, the current continuing education policy for public employees does not afford adequate opportunity for continuing education; and

WHEREAS, financial aid and time off for education must match the requirements of institutions that provide educational services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commission on higher education and the state personnel office be requested to cooperate in assessing the needs and opportunities for public employee continuing education programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher education and the state personnel office report their findings and recommendations to the legislative education study committee a week prior to the 2004 second session of the Forty-Sixth legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the commission on higher education and to the state personnel office.