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REQUESTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO ALLOW SCHOOLS TO MEET THE PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE'S ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM WITHOUT ADVERSELY AFFECTING AN EDUCATOR'S "TIME TO TEACH".

WHEREAS, the primary responsibility of educators is the delivery of quality instruction to students; and

WHEREAS, an educator's "time to teach" refers not only to those hours during which an educator is actually teaching but also applies to those conditions that contribute to the student-educator relationship; and

WHEREAS, these conditions include reasonable, carefully defined workloads, freedom from interruptions during instructional time, unencumbered planning time, time to evaluate student progress and time for implementation of

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1 federal and state legislative requirements; and

2 WHEREAS, while the legislature recognizes that
3 accountability requires reporting on the uses of funding
4 derived from federal, state and local education programs, the
5 legislature also believes that in order for the classroom
6 educator to spend adequate time on instructional duties, the
7 paperwork burden on the practitioner must be reduced and held
8 to an absolute minimum; and

9 WHEREAS, the legislature further believes that teachers
10 and other educational employees need the freedom and
11 flexibility to schedule time and design programs to meet the
12 needs of students; and

13 WHEREAS, the legislature believes that current
14 implementation of the state's accountability system adversely
15 affects an educator's "time to teach";

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
17 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state board of education be
18 requested to develop procedures to allow schools to meet the
19 paperwork requirements of the state's accountability system
20 without adversely affecting an educator's "time to teach"; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the superintendent of public
22 instruction be requested to report on the progress of these
23 procedures to the appropriate interim legislative committee
24 prior to the first session of the forty-seventh legislature;
25 and

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