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1           WHEREAS, New Mexico's major priorities for education are  
2 improving student achievement and having a qualified teacher in  
3 every classroom; and

4           WHEREAS, research indicates that an effective way of  
5 ensuring student learning is through an education system that  
6 begins in early childhood and ends with completion of college  
7 or success in the work force, and promotes access,  
8 accountability and lifelong learning opportunities for children  
9 and adults; and

10          WHEREAS, the teacher education accountability council,  
11 established by the commission on higher education and the state  
12 board of education as a result of a three-year federal grant  
13 for teacher quality enhancement in New Mexico, has taken a  
14 leadership role in this collaboration and it would be  
15 beneficial that the council continue after federal funding  
16 ends; and

17          WHEREAS, the teacher education accountability council  
18 could serve as a conduit to bring educators from all education  
19 levels, businesses and community members together to create  
20 agreed-upon core learning goals to raise the bar of academic  
21 achievement for all students at all levels and improve New  
22 Mexico's educational system;

23          NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
24 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that it request the state board of  
25 education and the commission on higher education to convert the

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1 teacher education accountability council into New Mexico's  
2 preschool through post-secondary education advisory council to  
3 provide guidance in the creation of aligned policy between  
4 public schools and higher education so that all students  
5 complete high school prepared to succeed in post-secondary  
6 education or the work place; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this council include within  
8 its membership community members and representatives from the  
9 public schools, two- and four-year institutions of higher  
10 education and businesses; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher  
12 education, the state board of education and the advisory  
13 council submit their plan and any recommendations deemed  
14 necessary for legislation to the legislative education study  
15 committee each year by November 1; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
17 transmitted to the executive director of the commission on  
18 higher education, the president of the state board of education  
19 and the director of the legislative education study committee  
20 for appropriate distribution.

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