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46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2004
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A JOINT MEMORIAL
REQUESTING THAT THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES MEET TO DEVELOP A
PROCESS TO REGULARLY PROVIDE ACCOUNTABILITY DATA ON NEW MEXICO
ACADEMIC GRADUATES AND PROGRAM COMPLETERS EMPLOYED IN THE
WORKFORCE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WAGE
TRACKING SYSTEM

WHEREAS, data about academic attainers entering the
workforce is valuable to our educational institutions in
gauging how successful the state's academic programs are; and

WHEREAS, many federal programs ask, and the legislative
finance committee encourages, all agencies participating in
workforce development to collect the following measures with
baseline data in future years: percent of participants
entering into unsubsidized employment; percent of participants
retained in employment six months after entry into employment;

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1 and percent of increase in earnings from unsubsidized
2 employment; and

3 WHEREAS, the department of labor can provide the most
4 comprehensive, complete and reliable information about these
5 workforce outcomes for New Mexico's academic graduates and
6 program completers through its unemployment insurance wage
7 tracking system; and

8 WHEREAS, the commission on higher education and the labor
9 department have already entered into an agreement to collect a
10 limited amount of data through the unemployment insurance wage
11 tracking system, primarily on community college graduates; and

12 WHEREAS, there are many more academic graduate and program
13 completer populations that need to be measured through the
14 unemployment insurance wage tracking system in order to truly
15 assess the impact of New Mexico's educational programs on
16 workforce development; and

17 WHEREAS, if increased, the volume of activity will dictate
18 coordination of this data collection activity and distribution
19 of results through a limited number of entities; and

20 WHEREAS, pending issues need to be resolved, such as the
21 need for agreements with neighboring states to track job
22 placements of those academic graduates and program completers
23 who leave New Mexico for employment and the fact that some of
24 our student populations are not assigned social security
25 numbers, which is the main tool to track our students through

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1 the unemployment insurance wage databases;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the labor department meet with
4 representatives of the commission on higher education, higher
5 education institutions, workforce programs and the public
6 education department to address data collection needs,
7 processes of data collection and dissemination, coordination of
8 requests, time lines and other pending issues and barriers to
9 data collection so that a system of regular outcome data about
10 employment of academic graduates and program completers
11 available through the labor department's unemployment insurance
12 wage tracking system and other special requests can be readily
13 accessible to our education providers; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the labor department be
15 requested to submit findings and recommendations on developing
16 a process for regular and timely data collection, analysis and
17 dissemination of employment outcome data to be provided to
18 designated education providers for use in accountability
19 reporting to the legislative finance committee and other
20 appropriate interim legislative committees prior to November 1,
21 2004; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
23 transmitted to the labor department, the commission on higher
24 education, the public institutions of higher education and the
25 public education department.

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