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1 receiving the appropriate programming to prepare them for their  
2 eventual release from prison; and

3 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that prisoners are  
4 prepared to become productive members of their communities; and

5 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest that prisoners are  
6 taught skills while in prison to address their possible  
7 addictions and mental health, education, vocational, parenting  
8 and family unification needs;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the corrections department be  
11 requested to study and compare the recidivism rates and the  
12 similarities and differences of program requirements and  
13 outcomes between the public and private prisons in New Mexico;  
14 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study the  
16 corrections department confer with other persons and  
17 organizations with knowledge and interest in recidivism  
18 reduction; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections department  
20 report the results of the study, including any legislative  
21 recommendations, to the interim corrections oversight, courts  
22 and justice committee by November 1, 2005; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
24 transmitted to the secretary of corrections and the co-chairs  
25 of the interim corrections oversight, courts and justice

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