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2 **47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES ESTABLISH COMMON, SHARED  
12 STUDENT DATA SYSTEMS FROM PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH  
13 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, INCLUDING ADULT BASIC EDUCATION AND  
14 TRAINING.

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16 WHEREAS, the higher education department, public education  
17 department, children, youth and families department and office  
18 of workforce training and development each have separate data  
19 systems tracking New Mexicans; and

20 WHEREAS, each agency's unique data system tracks New  
21 Mexicans at one phase in their lives; and

22 WHEREAS, the existence of these separate data systems  
23 precludes tracking student success across sectors of the  
24 educational system and into the workforce; and

25 WHEREAS, each of these state agencies has an obligation to

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1 best meet the needs of New Mexico residents; and

2 WHEREAS, studies have shown that a seamless data system  
3 from pre-kindergarten to the workforce is a necessary component  
4 in determining if state education policies are working; and

5 WHEREAS, common data and direct links between different  
6 data systems will provide research capability to measure  
7 results of New Mexico educational reform; and

8 WHEREAS, the ability to examine this data over time will  
9 demonstrate student proficiencies and readiness for college and  
10 career training needed in the workforce; and

11 WHEREAS, common, shared student data systems will enable  
12 public schools, colleges, universities and employers to  
13 identify and address weaknesses in the educational system to  
14 better prepare students for the world of work; and

15 WHEREAS, common, shared student data systems will be an  
16 economic planning tool for forecasting potential areas of  
17 growth and workforce training demands;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the higher education department,  
20 public education department, children, youth and families  
21 department and office of workforce training and development be  
22 requested to establish common, shared student data systems from  
23 pre-kindergarten to post-secondary levels of education,  
24 including adult basic education and training; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agencies report to the

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1 governor and the legislature on their efforts to establish  
2 common, shared student data systems by November 1, 2007; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
4 transmitted to the secretaries of higher education, public  
5 education and children, youth and families and the director of  
6 the office of workforce training and development.

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