

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 47

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

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING A STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ADJUSTING AND
ESTABLISHING TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND PENALTIES TO REDUCE THE
INCIDENTS OF UNDERAGE DRINKING VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, underage consumption of alcoholic beverages is a
persistent problem in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, underage consumption of alcoholic beverages
frequently occurs in conjunction with driving while
intoxicated, sadly resulting in the death or serious injury of
underage drivers and passengers; and

WHEREAS, over the years the legislature has created
programs and appropriated money to various agencies to prevent
alcohol abuse and driving while intoxicated, including programs
and money aimed at underage consumption of alcohol under the
DWI program fund, the Local DWI Grant Program Act and the

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1 Family and Youth Resource Act;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the interim legislative committee that
4 studies corrections issues study how underage consumption of
5 alcoholic beverages is currently being addressed by the
6 department of health; the children, youth and families
7 department; the traffic safety bureau of the department of
8 transportation; the courts; and other agencies receiving
9 alcohol-abuse-related appropriations and make recommendations
10 to the first session of the forty-eighth legislature about what
11 education or treatment programs, additional penalties or
12 combination of education, treatment and penalties may be
13 appropriate to be put in place by the legislature to reduce the
14 incidents of underage consumption of alcoholic beverages and
15 driving while intoxicated; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative
18 council.

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