SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 44

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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION,
THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, THE STATE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER
ASSOCIATION, THE FIRE SERVICE COUNCIL, THE NEW MEXICO MUNICIPAL
LEAGUE AND THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES REPORT TO THE
APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RETIREMENT ACT.

WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters provide vital services in
a number of localities across the state; and

WHEREAS, as volunteers, these people, unlike career
firefighters, do not qualify for retirement programs through
their local governments; and

WHEREAS, the volunteer firefighter retirement program can
assist local fire departments in the recruiting and retention
of personnel; and

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1   WHEREAS, the administration of the program has become

2 problematic in determining service credit, reporting service

3 credit, calculating benefits and removing inactive members from

4 the retirement database;

5   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public employees retirement

7 association, the state fire marshal's office, the state

8 volunteer firefighter association, the fire service council,

9 the New Mexico municipal league and the New Mexico association

10 of counties report to the appropriate interim committee after

11 June 1, 2008 to propose amendments to the Volunteer

12 Firefighters Retirement Act; and

13   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

14 transmitted to the public employees retirement association, the

15 state fire marshal's office, the state volunteer firefighter

16 association, the fire service council, the New Mexico municipal

17 league and the New Mexico association of counties.

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