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REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE
CORRELATION BETWEEN FOURTH AND EIGHTH GRADE READING AND
MATHEMATICS PROFICIENCY SCORES AND HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT RATES.

WHEREAS, the public education department measures adequate
yearly progress for each public school and school district in
mathematics, reading and the language arts; and

WHEREAS, each school district's annual accountability
report includes graduation rates for each public high school in
the school district; and

WHEREAS, as part of the graduation rate information, the
school district identifies contributing factors to non-
graduation, such as transfer out of the school district,
pregnancy, dropout and other factors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF

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1 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public
2 education department be requested to tabulate and compare the
3 fourth and eighth grade reading and mathematics proficiency
4 scores for graduating and non-graduating students for the past
5 ten years, with breakdowns by counties and school districts;
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tabulation and comparison
8 take into account, where possible, contributing factors to non-
9 graduation, such as transfer out of the school district,
10 pregnancy, dropout and other factors; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a final report of this study
12 be transmitted to the governor, the legislative education study
13 committee, the higher education department and the workforce
14 solutions department and be published on a publicly available
15 web site; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
17 transmitted to the public education department.