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2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO CONVENE
12 A WORK GROUP TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LEGISLATURE
13 CONCERNING METHODS FOR TRANSFORMING PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY IMPROVING
14 STUDENT LEARNING THROUGH INNOVATIVE, NEXT GENERATION SYSTEMS,
15 INCLUDING DIGITAL LEARNING, DISTANCE EDUCATION AND HYBRID AND
16 BLENDED LEARNING IN THE ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL
17 ENVIRONMENT.

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19 WHEREAS, New Mexico has been a national leader in online
20 and distance education; and

21 WHEREAS, digital learning and related topics are becoming
22 increasingly important to the state as it works to provide
23 equal educational opportunities for students across the school
24 districts of the state; and

25 WHEREAS, the legislature recognizes the need to focus on

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1 elementary and secondary education;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
4 committee be requested to convene a work group to explore the
5 transformational educational methods offered by digital
6 learning tools and related topics to improve and increase
7 opportunities for student learning in New Mexico; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group examine:

9 A. national and state trends in digital learning
10 policy;

11 B. distance, hybrid and blended learning models;

12 C. alternative opportunities that digital learning
13 and blended learning provide to current graduation policies;

14 D. funding models to support digital learning;

15 E. best practices in using and implementing
16 distance, hybrid and blended learning models in traditional
17 classrooms;

18 F. national models for assuring quality education
19 in distance learning programs;

20 G. opportunities to expand student access to high
21 quality instructional materials through digital formats; and

22 H. cost benefits to New Mexico of having teachers
23 develop and implement an affordable curriculum that reflects
24 the rich diversity of cultures in New Mexico; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the work group report its

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1 findings and recommendations to the legislative education study
2 committee by November 30, 2013 and again by November 30, 2014;
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the chair, vice chair and director of the
6 legislative education study committee and the secretary of
7 public education.

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