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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A REDUCTION IN PAPERWORK REQUIRED OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES, MODIFICATIONS TO NEW MEXICO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULES TO REDUCE THE PAPERWORK REQUIRED OF EDUCATION EMPLOYEES AND A MORATORIUM ON UNFUNDED MANDATES IN SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, increased paperwork results in less time that educators can devote to students and parents; and

WHEREAS, time away from teaching becomes a disincentive for teachers to stay in the field; and

WHEREAS, unfunded mandates force school districts to implement new programs or activities without providing the necessary financial resources; and

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1 stretch limited staff resources and to cut the budgets of other
2 important learning programs;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public
5 education department be requested to convene a task force to
6 study the feasibility of a reduction in paperwork required of
7 education employees and to consider modifications to rules
8 issued by the department to reduce the paperwork required of
9 education employees; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force study the
11 feasibility of a moratorium on unfunded mandates; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
13 representatives of the office of the governor, the public
14 education department, the New Mexico school boards association
15 and the legislative education study committee; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force report its
17 findings and recommendations to the legislative education study
18 committee and the legislative finance committee by October 1,
19 2018; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the governor, the secretary of public education,
22 the chair of the legislative education study committee, the
23 chair of the legislative finance committee and the president of
24 the board of directors of the New Mexico school boards
25 association.

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