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56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2023

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ASSESS THE
PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE PURPLE STAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PROGRAM AND REPORT ON THE STATUS AND EFFECTIVENESS WHERE THE
PROGRAM HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN NEW MEXICO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the children of military families serving in the
state are highly valued and deeply respected by the people of
New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the legislature passed, and the governor
signed, a law directing the public education department to
develop a "purple star public schools program" to provide a
mechanism for public schools to ease the transition of students
of military families into new schools by providing academic,
social and emotional support to those students; and

WHEREAS, the public education department was further

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1 directed to develop a related program for public schools not
2 located near a military installation and for those schools that
3 want to recognize and celebrate military service and the
4 accomplishments of active military and veterans; and

5 WHEREAS, questions have arisen about the progress and
6 implementation of the program as directed by the 2021 law; and

7 WHEREAS, the legislature, the bill's sponsors, community
8 advocates and military families with children in public schools
9 in New Mexico seek answers to those questions;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public
12 education department be requested to assess and report the
13 status, oversight, implementation and effectiveness of the
14 purple star public schools program in New Mexico public schools
15 to the legislative education study committee by November 1,
16 2023; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the secretary of public education, the chair and
19 vice chair of the military and veterans' affairs committee and
20 the co-chairs of the New Mexico legislative council for
21 distribution to the appropriate interim committees.

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