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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 6

**42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
1996**

INTRODUCED BY
GLORIA HOWES

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION STUDY
ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOUR-YEAR EARLY CHILDHOOD MULTICULTURAL
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO-GALLUP
BRANCH.

WHEREAS, research indicates that the first years of a
child's formal education are the most crucial in determining
success as a student and as an adult; and

WHEREAS, providing an appropriate program for young
children through the primary grades requires that personnel be
appropriately trained; and

WHEREAS, because New Mexico is experiencing a shortage of
certified early childhood educators, particularly in rural
areas, school districts must recruit qualified early childhood

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1 educators from other states; and

2 WHEREAS, the state board of education in 1995 adopted a
3 regulation specifying requirements for early childhood education
4 licensure, including training in the education of children from
5 birth to age eight; and

6 WHEREAS, this newly adopted regulation requires special
7 preparation for persons seeking licensure in early childhood
8 education; and

9 WHEREAS, for the past eight years, the university of New
10 Mexico-Gallup branch has offered a child development associate
11 certificate for headstart teachers, private child care providers
12 and other interested parties; and

13 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico-Gallup branch cannot
14 offer upper division courses in early childhood education; and

15 WHEREAS, many headstart teachers and educational assistants
16 in the Gallup area are single parents with limited financial
17 resources unable to relocate in order to take upper division
18 classes in early childhood education; and

19 WHEREAS, the Navajo nation and the Zuni pueblo have
20 indicated the desire that their respective headstart teachers
21 have the opportunity to earn associate or bachelor of arts
22 degrees in early childhood education; and

23 WHEREAS, a survey conducted in the fall of 1995 among
24 headstart teachers, primary grade teachers and educational
25 assistants in the Gallup-McKinley county area indicated that

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1 more than one hundred fifty persons are interested in pursuing
2 licensure in early childhood multicultural education; and

3 WHEREAS, the university of New Mexico-Gallup branch already
4 offers bachelor of arts degrees in elementary and secondary
5 education;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commission on higher education
8 conduct a feasibility study to consider the establishment of a
9 four-year early childhood multicultural education program at the
10 university of New Mexico-Gallup branch; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher
12 education reports its findings to the legislative education
13 study committee by December 1, 1996; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the commission on higher education and the
16 director of the legislative education study committee for
17 appropriate distribution.

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7 Mr. President:
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14 recom~~m~~endation that it DO PASS, and thence referred to the
15 EDUCATI ON COMMI TTEE.
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17 Respectfully submi tted,
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The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

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Excused: EJennings

Absent: None

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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16 1. On page 1, line 11, strike "COMMISSION ON HIGHER
17 EDUCATION" and insert in lieu thereof "UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO".

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19 2. On page 3, line 6, strike "commission on higher education"
20 and insert in lieu thereof "university of New Mexico".

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22 3. On page 3, lines 10 and 11, strike "commission on higher
23 education" and insert in lieu thereof "university of New Mexico".

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25 4. On page 3, line 14, strike "commission on higher
education" and insert in lieu thereof "university of New Mexico",

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Respectfully submitted,

Carlos R. Cisneros, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Benavides, Duran, Lyons, Scott

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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February 14, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 6, as amended

has had it under consideration and reports same with
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against
Yes: 9
Excused: Trujillo, Weeks, SM Williams
Absent: None

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