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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 75

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

GAIL C. BEAM

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER
ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERSONNEL CATEGORY OF SCHOOL COUNSELORS.

WHEREAS, elementary, middle, junior and high school children are being subjected to unprecedented social stresses, including fragmentation of families, drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, poverty and violence; and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of these children are exhibiting symptoms of distress such as emotional disorders, academic underachievement, disruptive behavior, juvenile delinquency and withdrawal; and

WHEREAS, counseling provided within public schools can reduce drug abuse, dropout rates, unemployment and incarceration; and

WHEREAS, the state can help reduce academic, social and

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1 emotional problems of students by enhancing the availability and
2 quality of public school counseling programs; and

3 WHEREAS, school dropouts, gang members, pregnant teens and
4 substance abusing youth are burdens on the taxpayer and
5 contribute to rising crime; and

6 WHEREAS, school counselors contribute positively to
7 students' progress and development, the school environment,
8 student self-discipline, school attendance and academic
9 achievement;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
11 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
12 committee be requested to study the establishment of a personnel
13 category of school counselors in the public schools; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that school counseling programs be
15 studied independently at the elementary, middle, junior and high
16 school levels, including national pupil-counselor ratios,
17 position statements, student expectations and pay scales; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education study
19 committee make recommendations on school counseling programs to
20 the legislature by December 1, 1997; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the members of the legislative education study
23 committee.
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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 10, 1997

Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

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

**1. On page 1, line 11, after "THE" insert "STATE DEPARTMENT
OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE".**

**2. On page 2, line 11, after "the" insert "state department
of public education in cooperation with the".**

**3. On page 2, line 18, after "the" insert "state department
of public education report to the".**

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4. On page 2, line 19, after "committee" insert "to".

5. On page 2, line 22, after "of" insert "the state
department of public education and".

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 11 For 0 Against

Yes: 11

Excused: McSherry, Nicely

Absent: None

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FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 17, 1997

Mr. President:

Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 75, as amended

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 5 For 1 Against

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Yes: 5

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No: Rawson

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Excused: Boitano, Duran, Garcia, Gorham

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Absent: None

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