1	HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 82				
2	43rd Legislature - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997				
3	INTRODUCED BY				
4	JAMES ROGER MADALENA				
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10	A JOINT MEMORIAL				
11	REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY				
12	THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO THE IMPROVING				
13	AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT OF 1994 AND REQUESTING THE STATE BOARD OF				
14	EDUCATION TO STUDY ACCREDITATION OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO BUREAU OF				
15	INDIAN AFFAIRS FUNDED SCHOOLS SEEKING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION				
16	ACCREDITATION SO THAT THOSE SCHOOLS HAVE ALL THE FLEXIBILITY				
17	GRANTED STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS.				
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19	WHEREAS, on April 6, 1993, Governor Bruce King signed the				
20	Charter Schools Act into law, joining Minnesota and California,				
21	which had already enacted legislation to establish charter				
22	schools, and since that time over twenty-five additional states				
22	have enacted similar legislation; and				
23 24	WHEREAS, the benefits to becoming a charter school include				
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alternative methods of assessment, increased parent and community involvement and support and flexibility in the areas of class size and structure; and

WHEREAS, bureau of Indian affairs funded schools should enjoy the benefits of restructuring their educational curriculum to encourage the use of different and innovative teaching methods to address student needs; and

WHEREAS, implementing alternative curricula, creating and using alternative methods of assessment, increased parent and community involvement and support and flexibility in the areas of class size and structure should not operate so as to compromise or impede the accreditation status of bureau of Indian affairs funded schools; and

WHEREAS, participation in funding made available to public funded charter schools under the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 is limited to schools operated under public supervision and direction; and

WHEREAS, bureau of Indian affairs schools are not eligible for such funding;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the United States department of education be requested to study requirements for charter schools under the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994 to include bureau of Indian affairs funded schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education

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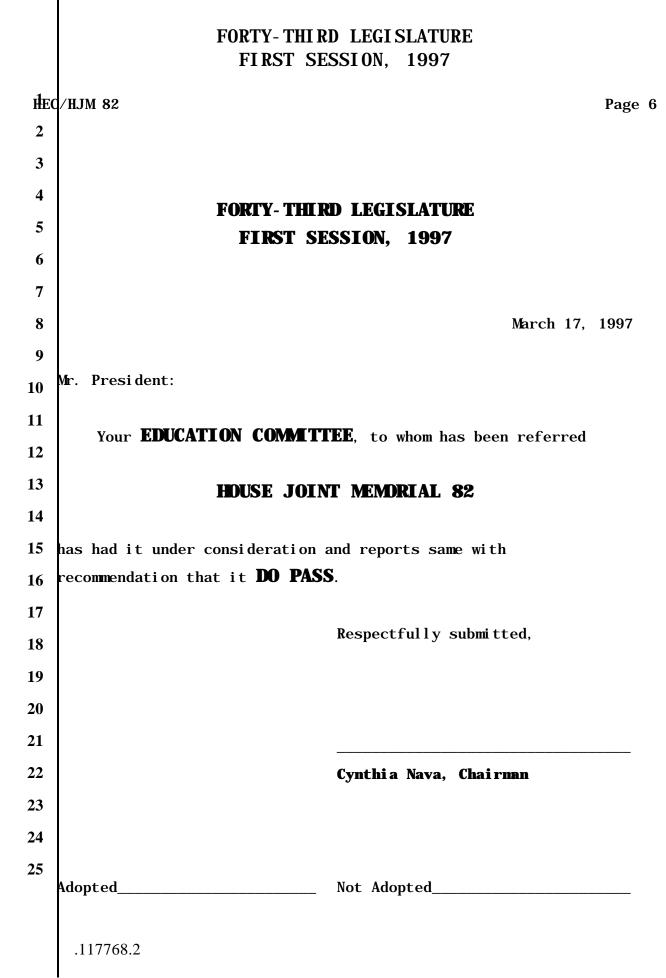
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study accreditation options available to bureau of Indian affairs schools seeking state board of education accreditation so that those schools have all the flexibility granted state charter schools; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction, to the assistant secretary of the department of the interior and to the secretary of the United States department of education. - 3 -.117768.2

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