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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 82

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

INTRODUCED BY

JAMES ROGER MADALENA

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO STUDY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS PURSUANT TO THE IMPROVING AMERICA'S SCHOOLS ACT OF 1994 AND REQUESTING THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO STUDY ACCREDITATION OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FUNDED SCHOOLS SEEKING STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCREDITATION SO THAT THOSE SCHOOLS HAVE ALL THE FLEXIBILITY GRANTED STATE CHARTER SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, on April 6, 1993, Governor Bruce King signed the Charter Schools Act into law, joining Minnesota and California, which had already enacted legislation to establish charter schools, and since that time over twenty-five additional states have enacted similar legislation; and

WHEREAS, the benefits to becoming a charter school include implementing alternative curricula, creating and using

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1 alternative methods of assessment, increased parent and
2 community involvement and support and flexibility in the areas
3 of class size and structure; and

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

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

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

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

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

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state board of education

1 study accreditation options available to bureau of Indian
2 affairs schools seeking state board of education accreditation
3 so that those schools have all the flexibility granted state
4 charter schools; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
6 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction, to the
7 assistant secretary of the department of the interior and to the
8 secretary of the United States department of education.

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION, 1997

March 12, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: McSherry, Nicely, Wright

Absent: None

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March 17, 1997

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10 Mr. President:

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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Duran, Garcia, Gorham

Absent: None

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