A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY COUNSELING PROGRAMS ON THE MIDDLE, JUNIOR AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVELS.

     WHEREAS, school children are being subjected to social stresses, including family fragmentation, substance abuse, child abuse, poverty and violence; and

     WHEREAS, children may exhibit barriers to learning, such as emotional disorders, underachievement, disruptive behavior, juvenile delinquency and withdrawal; and

     WHEREAS, school dropouts, gang members, pregnant teens and substance-abusing youth pose significant social problems; and

     WHEREAS, counseling provided by public schools can reduce drug abuse, dropout rates, teen suicide, unemployment and

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1  incarceration; and

2  WHEREAS, school counseling addresses the barriers to

3  learning and contributes to students' success by positively

4  affecting the school environment, student self-discipline,

5  attendance and academic achievement; and

6  WHEREAS, state policy to reduce social problems and crime

7  can be served by enhancing the availability and quality of

8  public school counseling programs;

9  NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

10  STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study

11  committee be requested to study school counseling programs at

12  the middle, junior and high school levels to augment the

13  committee's 1994 study of elementary school counseling

14  programs and that it include information on national

15  counselor-student ratios; national and state standards for

16  counseling programs and staff; and community, parent and

17  student expectations; and

18  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education

19  study committee review the impact of the school funding

20  formula on K-12 counseling programs in each school district;

21  and

22  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education

23  study committee report its findings and recommendations to the

24  legislature by December 1, 1998; and

25  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

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1 transmitted to the director of the legislative education study

2 committee and to the superintendents of each school district.

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FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1998

February 9, 1998

Mr. Speaker:

Your **EDUCATION COMMITTEE,** to whom has been referred

**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 25**

has had it under consideration and reports same with

recommendation that it **DO PASS.**

Respectfully submitted,

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**Rick Miera, Chairman**

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The roll call vote was  6  For  1  Against

Yes:        6

No:         Mallory

Excused:    Beam, Nicely, Trujillo-Knauer, Vigil, W.C. Williams, Wright

Absent:     None




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23                                  **Cynthia Nava, Chairman**

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Yes:        7

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Absent:   None

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