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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 14

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

CYNTHIA NAVA

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;
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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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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES 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, and thence referred to the
15 EDUCATION COMMITTEE.
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24 Gloria Howes, Chairman
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Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Aragon, Campos, Gorham

Absent: None

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11 No: Rawson

12 Excused: Duran, Garcia, Maloof

13 Absent: None

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1 **FORTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE**
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8 **Mr. Speaker:**
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10 **Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred**
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14 **has had it under consideration and reports same with**
15 **recommendation that it DO PASS.**

16 **Respectfully submitted,**
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21 **Rick Miera, Chairman**
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11 Excused: None

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