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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 77

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1999**

INTRODUCED BY

Mimi Stewart

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE  
LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO WORK JOINTLY WITH THE  
COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AT ALL NEW MEXICO HIGHER EDUCATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS TO PREPARE LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS IN  
THE AREAS OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND NEW MEXICO HISTORY.

WHEREAS, there is a need in New Mexico to promote cultural diversity and New  
Mexico history in our teacher curriculum and classroom curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the majority of New Mexico institutions of higher education already  
include at least one course in cultural diversity in their education programs; and

WHEREAS, courses in cultural diversity should be required for teacher certification  
and re-certification; and

WHEREAS, all education licensure, new and renewal, should include multicultural  
competency; and

WHEREAS, developing licensure and re-licensure requirements for teachers who have  
completed appropriate educational training in cultural diversity, including New Mexico history

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1 and culture, would ensure that students are also acquiring knowledge in cultural diversity and  
2 New Mexico history;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public education and the legislative  
5 education study committee work jointly with the colleges of education at all higher educational  
6 institutions and with representatives from New Mexico's diverse populations to prepare  
7 licensure requirements for teachers in the areas of cultural diversity and New Mexico history;  
8 and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once all higher educational institutions offer  
10 courses in cultural diversity and New Mexico history that include training in diverse learning  
11 styles and appropriate teaching strategies, all teacher applicants for renewal of teacher  
12 certification by the state board of education shall be required to demonstrate that they have  
13 taken a minimum of two courses in cultural diversity, one of which shall be a course in New  
14 Mexico cultural history, and that these courses shall include the content and competencies  
15 recommended by diverse educators and shall be approved by the state board of education; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the state  
17 department of public education, the commission or higher education and the boards of regents of  
18 all higher educational institutions that provide a college of education.

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March 10, 1999

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,

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**Rick Miera, Chairman**

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10 The roll call vote was 7 For 6 Against

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Yes: 7

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No: Blanton, Dana, Hamilton, Macko, Marquardt, Williams

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Excused: Miera, Stapleton, Burpo

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Absent:

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