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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 7

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

INTRODUCED BY

Gloria Howes

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF INSTALLING SEAT BELTS ON ALL SCHOOL BUSES AND
INSTALLING AIR CONDITIONING IN THOSE BUSES THAT TRANSPORT
MEDICALLY FRAGILE STUDENTS.

WHEREAS, the injury rate in school bus accidents has increased; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that high-backed padded seats and seat belts together
improve overall bus passenger safety by providing true compartmentalization in accidents,
especially side impacts and rollovers; and

WHEREAS, the use of seat belts on school buses can reinforce the message to children
that restraints should be used in family cars; and

WHEREAS, students who are properly belted in are less distracting to the school bus
drivers; and

WHEREAS, a large school bus of sixty-six passengers can be equipped with seat belts
for a minimal dollar amount; and

WHEREAS, the comfort of medically fragile students would be greatly enhanced with

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1 an air-conditioned environment;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public education be requested to study
4 the accident and injury rate on school buses and establish cost-effective recommendations to
5 improve the safety of and reduce the risk of serious injury to New Mexico's students, including
6 the installation of seat belts; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of public education also be
8 requested to study the issue of providing air conditioning in buses that transport medically
9 fragile students to and from school and research other options available to reduce the ambient
10 air temperature inside school buses; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of public education report its
12 findings and recommendations to the legislative education study committee by November 1,
13 1999; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the
15 superintendent of public instruction and the legislative education study committee.
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1 **FORTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE**

2 **FIRST SESSION, 1999**

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5 January 26, 1999

6 Mr. President:

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8 Your **RULES COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

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10 **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 7**

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**,

14 amended as follows:

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16 1. On page 1, line 12, after "ALL" insert "NEW".
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18 2. On page 1, line 13, after "THOSE" insert "NEW".
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20 3. On page 2, line 12 after "belts" insert "in new buses".
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22 4. On page 2, line 15, after "in" insert "new".,
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24 and thence referred to the **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**.

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Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Howes, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 8 For 0 Against

Yes: 8

No: 0

Excused: None

Absent: None

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February 9, 1999

Mr. President:

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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Cynthia Nava, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Boitano, Gorham, Lopez

Absent: None

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9 Mr. Speaker:

10 Your **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred
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12 **SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 7, as amended**
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14 has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**.
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21 **Daniel P. Silva, Chairman**
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10 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

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Yes: 10

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Excused: Larranaga, Whitaker, Williams

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Absent: None

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