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1 teen fathers have completed high school or earned a general  
2 equivalency diploma; and

3 WHEREAS, teenage parents are often unaware of the severe  
4 social and economic consequences of becoming parents at a  
5 young age; and

6 WHEREAS, age-appropriate courses in sexuality are not  
7 required in most school districts beyond sixth grade; and

8 WHEREAS, when health education is integrated into other  
9 courses, current rules do not require instructors to be  
10 certified in the health sciences; and

11 WHEREAS, community assessment surveys in Raton, Socorro,  
12 Carlsbad and Santa Fe found that between seventy and  
13 ninety-two percent of adults support comprehensive abstinence-  
14 based sex education in their schools beginning by the sixth  
15 grade; and

16 WHEREAS, over eighty-one percent of students surveyed by  
17 the mayor's youth advisory board in Las Cruces believe teen  
18 pregnancy is a problem in Las Cruces; and

19 WHEREAS, there may be a correlation between what students  
20 are taught in school and students' behavior; and

21 WHEREAS, states with low teen pregnancy rates may offer  
22 examples of programs that can reduce the prevalence of teen  
23 pregnancies;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of health and the

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1 state department of public education examine the relationship  
2 between the absence of sex education in middle school and high  
3 school, and the unacceptably high teen pregnancy rate in New  
4 Mexico; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
6 transmitted to the department of health and the state  
7 department of public education.

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6 Mr. President:

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8 Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been  
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11 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 18

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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with  
14 recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

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16 1. On page 3, between lines 4 and 5 insert:

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18 "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of health and  
19 the state department of public education examine methods to  
20 involve parents in the education of their children and require  
21 accountability on the part of parents; and".,

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23 and thence referred to the EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

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