

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE OR OTHER  
3 APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO HOLD A HEARING ON MEDIA  
4 LITERACY AND BEST PRACTICES AND TO REQUEST THE PUBLIC  
5 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DEVELOP  
6 BEST PRACTICES AND TO OFFER MEDIA LITERACY.

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8 WHEREAS, media literacy is the ability to access,  
9 analyze, evaluate, develop, produce and interpret media, and  
10 it encompasses the foundational skills that lead to digital  
11 citizenship; and

12 WHEREAS, digital citizenship requires a diverse set of  
13 skills related to current technology and social media use and  
14 includes the norms of appropriate, responsible and healthy  
15 behavior; and

16 WHEREAS, digital citizenship and media-literacy  
17 education provide digital skills essential for success in the  
18 twenty-first century; and

19 WHEREAS, media and technology have become pervasive in  
20 all areas of life; and

21 WHEREAS, in classrooms, young people must learn how to  
22 safely, ethically, responsibly and effectively use media and  
23 technology resources; and

24 WHEREAS, young people have never had as much access to  
25 the internet, media and mobile technologies at home and in

1 school as they do today; and

2 WHEREAS, schools can play a critical role by educating,  
3 empowering and engaging children with the best practices for  
4 media and technology use; and

5 WHEREAS, while media and technology have great promise  
6 for learning, young people need support and education to  
7 learn how to make sound judgments when navigating the digital  
8 world; and

9 WHEREAS, school administrators and educators are now  
10 faced with new, and at times overwhelming, challenges, such  
11 as those related to privacy, digital footprints,  
12 cyberbullying and sexting; and

13 WHEREAS, best practices include instruction that  
14 provides guidance about thoughtful, safe and strategic uses  
15 of online and other media resources and how to apply  
16 critical-thinking skills when using and producing media in  
17 any form; and

18 WHEREAS, students, parents or guardians, teachers,  
19 librarians, administrators, community representatives and  
20 other interested parties could provide valuable input at the  
21 hearing; and

22 WHEREAS, the public education department and local  
23 school districts are uniquely situated to identify best  
24 practices and recommendations for instruction in media  
25 literacy, digital citizenship and internet safety;

1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the  
3 legislative education study committee or other appropriate  
4 interim committee be requested to hold a hearing during the  
5 interim to discuss safe media and technology use, with the  
6 goal of establishing media literacy and digital citizenship  
7 as part of the state's education goals and essential academic  
8 learning requirements; and

9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education  
10 department and school districts be requested to offer media  
11 literacy instruction and to develop best practices; and

12           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
13 transmitted to the chair of the legislative education study  
14 committee, the secretary of public education and the chair of  
15 the legislative finance committee.

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