

**44TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION,
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO STATE LIBRARY WORK WITH THE STATE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC
SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

WHEREAS, the New Mexico task force for school libraries
is a collaborative effort among the New Mexico state library,
the state department of public education and the New Mexico
library association to improve all public school libraries;
and

WHEREAS, the task force conducted a survey that examined
the condition of library collections, staffing, training
needs, technology, facilities and funding for library
materials in New Mexico schools; and

WHEREAS, survey responses indicate significant
deficiencies statewide; and

WHEREAS, educational research has clearly established

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the relationship between student academic achievement levels
and the levels of investment in the school's library program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico state library be
requested to work with the state department of public
education to prepare a report on public school library
improvement in areas including library standards,
certification of staff, funding of libraries and cooperation
with other types of libraries statewide and report to the
legislative education study committee by November 2000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
transmitted to the director of the library division of the
office of cultural affairs and the superintendent of public
instruction.