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45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001
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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION TO STUDY STAFFING PATTERNS FOR FULL- AND PART-TIME FACULTY AND CLASSIFIED STAFF AT NEW MEXICO'S INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RATIOS OF FULL- TO PART-TIME FACULTY AND CLASSIFIED STAFF TO IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY HIGHER EDUCATIONAL LEARNING AND SERVICES.

WHEREAS, New Mexico's public colleges and universities are employing more part-time faculty and classified staff than at any other time in history; and

WHEREAS, there is a growing concern among New Mexico's citizens about these larger numbers of part-time faculty and classified staff, as well as their ability to provide quality higher education learning and services; and

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1 WHEREAS, these part-time faculty and classified staff,
2 while less expensive to employ, may not be providing quality
3 higher educational learning and services; and

4 WHEREAS, there appear to be no guidelines or rules that
5 New Mexico public colleges and universities use to determine
6 whether hiring part-time faculty and staff instead of full-time
7 personnel will be more or less effective in providing quality
8 services; and

9 WHEREAS, there is a need to identify the number and ratio
10 of full- and part-time faculty and classified staff employed by
11 New Mexico's public colleges and universities; and

12 WHEREAS, there is a need to identify the reasoning for the
13 employment of more part-time faculty and classified staff; and

14 WHEREAS, there is a need to determine whether or not part-
15 time faculty and classified staff impact the institutions'
16 abilities to provide quality higher education;

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
18 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commission on higher education be
19 requested to perform a comprehensive study to gather
20 information on the numbers and ratios of part-time faculty and
21 classified staff employed by New Mexico's public colleges and
22 universities; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher
24 education include an analysis of the impact of differing ratios
25 of part-time faculty and classified staff on the delivery of

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1 quality higher educational learning and services; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher
3 education develop recommendations for reasonable ratios of
4 full- and part-time faculty and classified staff that will
5 enhance and maintain the delivery of quality higher educational
6 learning and services; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and
8 recommendations of this study be provided to the legislative
9 education study committee by November 1, 2001; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the executive director of the commission on
12 higher education, the superintendent of public instruction and
13 the director of the legislative education study committee for
14 appropriate distribution.

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