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REQUESTING THAT THE CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT REPORT TO AN
APPROPRIATE INTERIM LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REGARDING STRATEGIES
TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE CORRECTIONS INDUSTRIES ENTERPRISES.

WHEREAS, as set forth in statute, the purpose of the
Corrections Industries Act "is to enhance the rehabilitation,
education and vocational skills of inmates through productive
involvement in enterprises and public works of benefit to state
agencies and local public bodies and to minimize inmate
idleness"; and

WHEREAS, the availability of vocational programming is
also necessary so that inmates may have the opportunity to earn
meritorious deductions from their sentences; and

WHEREAS, in order to address high rates of recidivism
among inmates, the vocational programming should provide them

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1   with viable job skills that they can use to gain employment

2   after they complete their term of incarceration; and

3   WHEREAS, if vocational programming is expanded and

4   improved, inmates will have an opportunity to earn higher

5   salaries and thus will enable them to pay restitution to their

6   victims;

7   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE

8   STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the corrections department be

9   requested to develop strategies to expand and improve

10   corrections industries enterprises; and

11   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections department

12   examine strategies and programs used by the Texas department of

13   corrections for corrections industries; and

14   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the corrections department

15   report its findings to an appropriate interim legislative

16   committee no later than October 31, 2003; and

17   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be

18   transmitted to the secretary of corrections.

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