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1 dramatically is recommended as a top priority of the New Mexico
2 business roundtable for educational excellence, in conjunction
3 with the commission on higher education and the national center
4 for public policy and higher education, also known as the
5 collaborative; and

6 WHEREAS, the success of New Mexico's adult basic education
7 program is linked to efficient management and coordination of
8 services, adequate funding support, instructional and program
9 innovations, development of measurable and meaningful outcomes,
10 and strong working relationships with other agencies that serve
11 adult basic education clients and with employers that could
12 employ successful adult basic education students; and

13 WHEREAS, as defined in the Post-Secondary Educational
14 Planning Act, post-secondary education includes adult basic
15 education and high school equivalency education, which are
16 administered primarily through the state's post-secondary
17 institutions to a student population that is for the most part
18 adult and, therefore, the programs would more appropriately be
19 administered and supported through the commission on higher
20 education; and

21 WHEREAS, the Post-Secondary Educational Planning Act also
22 charges the commission on higher education with the development
23 of logical, consistent and equitable organizational and fiscal
24 provisions for the operation of post-secondary education and
25 for the effective utilization of federal, state and local

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1 funding available for such education; and

2 WHEREAS, the commission on higher education recommends to
3 the legislature and the governor that state law be amended to
4 name the commission on higher education as the "eligible
5 agency", as that term is defined in the Adult Education and
6 Family Literacy Act, in place of the state department of public
7 education;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
9 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that given the transfer of the adult basic
10 education program to the commission on higher education, the
11 commission be requested to study the administrative structure,
12 funding streams, program delivery and data collection methods
13 of the adult basic education program with participation of the
14 New Mexico association of community colleges, other program
15 administrative sites and other agencies involved in the
16 administration of adult basic education and literacy programs
17 for the purposes of determining the appropriate levels of
18 administrative and local support needed for effective program
19 delivery and report such findings to the appropriate committee
20 of the legislature by December 1, 2003; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a state agency with
22 appropriate authority review the adult basic education records
23 of the state department of public education and New Mexico
24 adult education providers for the purpose of financial
25 reconciliation of state and federal adult basic education fund

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1 balances for fiscal year 2000 through fiscal year 2003 and that
2 the state agency determine such fund balances for each provider
3 fiscal year 2000 through fiscal year 2003 by September 1, 2003;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a broad-based state advisory
6 council on adult education be considered that would serve in an
7 advisory capacity to the commission on higher education on
8 adult education and literacy planning and policy issues and on
9 any new state plan for adult education and family literacy that
10 would need to be developed in response to upcoming re-
11 authorization efforts; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
13 transmitted to the commission on higher education and the
14 governor's office.

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