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1           WHEREAS, successful dual credit programs in other states  
2 have addressed barriers to the programs by ensuring that  
3 students pay minimal or no tuition and fees, that both  
4 secondary and post-secondary credit is earned for post-  
5 secondary courses, that few course restrictions exist and that  
6 information about the availability and requirements of the  
7 program are well-known by students, parents, school districts,  
8 colleges and policymakers; and

9           WHEREAS, presently, the dual credit program is  
10 inconsistently implemented in areas such as the transfer of  
11 tuition and fees and the receipt of high school credit for  
12 post-secondary coursework; and

13           WHEREAS, it is difficult to assess the program's  
14 effectiveness due to unclear definitions of the program,  
15 incompatible databases at the commission on higher education  
16 and public education department and lack of clear data on  
17 student participation and success;

18           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
19 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commission on higher education be  
20 requested to coordinate efforts with the public education  
21 department and representatives from colleges and public schools  
22 to conduct a study to examine the problems in implementation of  
23 the dual credit program and address issues relating to  
24 compliance, communication and oversight of the program; and

25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher

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1 education and the public education department make  
2 recommendations for any change in laws, policies or regulations  
3 in order to ensure successful implementation of the dual credit  
4 program and to remove barriers, create opportunities, ensure  
5 accountability and assess student participation and success;  
6 and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission on higher  
8 education and the public education department report the  
9 results of their study and make their recommendations to the  
10 legislative education study committee no later than November  
11 15, 2004; and

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

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