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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CREATE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE NEED FOR DIVIDING THE DISTRICT INTO SMALLER DISTRICTS, INCLUDING THE ISSUES INHERENT IN SUCH DIVISIONS; REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE TASK FORCE IN THE STUDY.

WHEREAS, Albuquerque public schools is by far the largest school district in the state, and it is among the largest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, there have been many discussions over the last several years about the need to divide Albuquerque public schools into two or more school districts; and

WHEREAS, there are significant issues to be addressed when considering whether to change the Albuquerque public school district, and the board of education should begin a formalized

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1 process to consider those issues;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the board of education of Albuquerque
4 public schools be requested to create a task force to study the
5 need for dividing the school district into two or more smaller
6 districts and the issues that must be addressed in such
7 division; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force include
9 employees of the school district; parents of students who
10 attend public school in the school district; and
11 representatives of local governments, business interests and
12 other representatives from the attendance areas of the high
13 schools in the school district; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider and
15 report on the following to the school district and the public
16 education department:

17 A. the boundaries of the proposed new school
18 districts;

19 B. population demographics, district growth
20 patterns, ethnicity, economic levels, family income and student
21 and adult educational achievement and attainment levels in the
22 proposed school districts;

23 C. the division of assets, liabilities and
24 indebtedness, including real and personal property, of the
25 existing school district;

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