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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HIGHER  
12 EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH OTHER INTERESTED  
13 PARTIES IN EXPLORING OPTIONS TO SUPPORT MORE TEACHERS IN  
14 GETTING CERTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL  
15 TEACHING STANDARDS.

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17 WHEREAS, research shows that the national board for  
18 professional teaching standards improves teaching and student  
19 learning and that national board-certified teachers are highly  
20 accomplished educators who meet high and rigorous standards;  
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22 WHEREAS, in a congressionally mandated study by the  
23 national research council of the national academies, national  
24 board certification was recently recognized as having a  
25 positive impact on student achievement, teacher retention and

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1 professional development; and

2 WHEREAS, according to the report, *Assessing Accomplished*  
3 *Teaching: Advanced-Level Certification Programs*, the standards  
4 and certification process of the national board for  
5 professional teaching standards have taken the culture of  
6 teaching to a higher level by creating national standards for  
7 the profession; and

8 WHEREAS, the national research council of the national  
9 academies found that students taught by board-certified  
10 teachers make higher gains on achievement tests than those  
11 taught by teachers who have not applied for and those who did  
12 not achieve certification; and

13 WHEREAS, the president of the national board for  
14 professional teaching standards noted that "working together,  
15 we can provide support for national board certified teachers to  
16 become leaders in schools, reach more high-need schools, forge  
17 closer relationships with school and district leaders and  
18 become agents of positive change";

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
20 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department, in  
21 collaboration with the higher education department, school  
22 district and charter school leaders, New Mexico colleges of  
23 education faculty, professional development providers and New  
24 Mexico board-certified teachers, explore options to support  
25 more teachers in getting their national board for professional

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1 teaching standards certification; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department and its study  
3 partners consider options for incentives to encourage  
4 board-certified teachers to teach in underperforming schools,  
5 including providing state support for teachers in securing  
6 board certification; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department report its  
8 findings and recommendations to the legislative education study  
9 committee by November 15, 2010; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
11 transmitted to the secretaries of public education and higher  
12 education for appropriate distribution and to the director of  
13 the legislative education study committee.