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HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 31

42ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1996

INTRODUCED BY

RAYMOND G. SANCHEZ

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING CONTINUATION OF THE TASK FORCE APPOINTED TO STUDY AND  
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONTINUUM OF  
SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

WHEREAS, every decent and successful society protects and  
nurtures its children and understands that such a philosophy is  
the basis for its preservation; and

WHEREAS, all of New Mexico's children and their families  
should be able to find within their communities the help and  
support they need to lead full and productive lives; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's population is comparatively small and  
poor and cannot expect to compete and prosper unless New  
Mexico's children become healthy, productive adults; and

WHEREAS, one in every three New Mexican children lives in  
poverty; and

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1           WHEREAS, five in every ten preschool-age children in New  
2 Mexico have working parents; and

3           WHEREAS, six in every ten New Mexican children are  
4 minorities; and

5           WHEREAS, one in every four children in New Mexico lives in  
6 a single-parent home; and

7           WHEREAS, one in every four homeless families in New Mexico  
8 has children; and

9           WHEREAS, the needs of New Mexico's children are still being  
10 assessed; and

11           WHEREAS, compared to other children across the nation, New  
12 Mexico's children experience needs for health and social  
13 services at levels greater than what has been available to them;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Senate Memorial 40, which passed during the first  
16 session of the forty-first legislature, requested that a task  
17 force be established to consider children and family issues  
18 carefully and thoroughly and to provide helpful information and  
19 recommendations to the interim legislative health and human  
20 services committee; and

21           WHEREAS, the task force has been in effect since 1989, and  
22 it is important to continue the work of that task force,  
23 particularly to identify urgent, critical needs of New Mexico's  
24 young children and to identify gaps in services and duplication  
25 of efforts;

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1           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the task force appointed after the  
3 first session of the forty-first legislature to study and make  
4 recommendations for the development of a continuum of services  
5 for young children and their families be continued, effective  
6 immediately, and that the task force consult with and report its  
7 findings and recommendations at the October 1996 meeting of the  
8 interim legislative health and human services committee and  
9 report to the first session of the forty-third legislature; and

10           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force continue with  
11 the same members, with members replaced as necessary, to ensure  
12 that the task force shall consist of five members appointed by  
13 the governor, five members appointed by the speaker of the house  
14 of representatives and five members appointed by the president  
15 pro tempore of the senate and that those members shall represent  
16 the ethnic, economic and geographic diversity in the state and  
17 shall have knowledge of and experience in health, education and  
18 social needs of children and their families; and

19           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force, in making its  
20 recommendations regarding a continuum of services:

- 21           A. identify the urgent needs of young children and  
22 families;
- 23           B. establish an inventory of services for children  
24 and families;
- 25           C. determine how health, education and social

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1 services offered by public and private institutions, agencies  
2 and programs can be delivered in a coordinated manner within the  
3 various communities;

4 D. consider a family-centered system with a full  
5 range of services, including prevention, timely intervention and  
6 appropriate treatment;

7 E. develop a strategic plan for the development of  
8 such a system that imposes order on funding, eliminates gaps in  
9 services and duplication of efforts and provides indicators and  
10 standards for demonstrating and evaluating the success of  
11 programs for children and families;

12 F. work closely with other children and youth  
13 planning groups and with state agencies responsible for children  
14 and youth programs; and

15 G. work closely with community groups and advocates  
16 to encourage their participation in the determination of local  
17 needs and problems; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
19 transmitted to the governor, the New Mexico legislative council  
20 and the chairman of the interim legislative health and human  
21 services committee.

**State of New Mexico  
House of Representatives**

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 1, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your RULES AND ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and finds same to be  
GERMANE in accordance with constitutional provisions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara A. Perea Casey,

Chairperson

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Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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4 The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

5 Yes: 10

6 Excused: Lujan, Olguin, Rodella, R. G. Sanchez, S. M Williams

7 Absent: None

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# State of New Mexico House of Representatives

FORTY- SECOND LEGISLATURE

SECOND SESSION, 1996

February 10, 1996

Mr. Speaker:

Your APPROPRIATIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE, to  
whom has been referred

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has had it under consideration and reports same with  
recommendation that it DO PASS.

Respectfully submitted,

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Max Coll, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 10 For 0 Against

Yes: 10

Excused: Abeyta, Casey, Gentry, Martinez, Picraux, Salazar,  
Wallace, Watchman

Absent: none

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