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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 12

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

INTRODUCED BY

SHANNON ROBINSON

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION UNDERTAKE A PROGRAM OF EVALUATION AND PLANNING TO ASSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF HIGH-QUALITY POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

WHEREAS, during the past decade, an increasingly diverse population of students has sought post-secondary education, resulting in demand for more flexible access to instruction and a greater array of support services; and

WHEREAS, during the past decade, demand for post-secondary education has expanded to encompass new fields of study, to accommodate new areas of employment and to provide advanced training and retraining for citizens already in the work force; and

WHEREAS, rapidly changing technologies have expanded the options for delivery of instruction, achievement of learning and

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1 assessment of performance; and

2 WHEREAS, during the past decade, costs of post-secondary
3 education appear to have increased at rates higher than other
4 services;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the commission on higher education be
7 asked to undertake a long-term program of evaluation and
8 planning with the goal of assuring the availability of high-
9 quality post-secondary education delivered efficiently
10 throughout the state and responsive to the needs of New Mexico's
11 citizenry and the demands of the twenty-first century; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission be asked to
13 consult with state post-secondary institutions and with
14 representatives of private post-secondary education, public
15 education, employers, Native American tribal leaders and other
16 sectors of the citizenry, as appropriate, in the initiation and
17 conduct of this program; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order to accomplish this
19 evaluation and planning collaboratively and without expansion of
20 the state government, state post-secondary institutions be asked
21 to support the commission by providing technical assistance and
22 contributing staff support to the commission, as requested by
23 the commission; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission be encouraged to
25 include in this program of evaluation and planning analyses of

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1 quality and productivity of educational programs offered by
2 state post-secondary institutions; operating costs and
3 efficiencies of the institutions and their educational programs;
4 congruity or discongruity between existing educational programs
5 and current state needs; and methods for improving the delivery
6 of state support, including performance-based funding; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as an outcome of this program
8 of evaluation and planning the commission be encouraged to
9 identify optimal levels and methods of funding for post-
10 secondary education; appropriate shares of the cost of post-
11 secondary education; and appropriate means for managing costs
12 and improving efficiency without sacrificing quality of post-
13 secondary education; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission be asked to
15 report annually to the legislature and the governor on the
16 status and progress of this program, including any
17 recommendations for legislation, beginning in January 1998; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the executive director of the commission on
20 higher education for circulation to all state post-secondary
21 institutions.

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5 March 15, 1997
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7 Mr. President:
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9 Your EDUCATION COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred
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13 has had it under consideration and reports same with
14 recommendation that it DO PASS.
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16 Respectfully submitted,
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21 Cynthia Nava, Chairman
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Date _____

The roll call vote was 6 For 0 Against

Yes: 6

No: 0

Excused: Boitano, Duran, Gorham, Rawson

Absent: None

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State of New Mexico House of Representatives

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Mr. Speaker:

Your EDUCATION 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,

Samuel F. Vigil, Chairman

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The roll call vote was 9 For 0 Against

Yes: 9

Excused: Nicely, Trujillo, S.M Williams, W.C. Williams

Absent: None

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