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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 28

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

INTRODUCED BY

ROMAN M. MAES III

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY AND REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE EFFECTS OF CLOSED CAMPUSES ON DISCIPLINE, DROPOUT RATES AND TRUANCY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN OTHER STATES.

WHEREAS, dropout rates from public schools in New Mexico are unacceptably high; and

WHEREAS, in school year 1988-89, dropout rates in New Mexico peaked at 10.4 percent and then dropped; and

WHEREAS, high school dropout rates are again increasing and are approaching 9 percent; and

WHEREAS, state truancy statistics are not readily available; and

WHEREAS, disciplinary problems, truancy and dropout rates may all be enhanced because students are permitted the freedom

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1 to leave public school campuses;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that a study be conducted by the state
4 department of public education to determine if disciplinary
5 problems, truancy and dropout rates are improved when public
6 school campuses are closed; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the effects of closed campuses
8 in states and communities throughout the nation be analyzed; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the study on
10 closed campuses by the state department of public education be
11 reported to the legislative education study committee in
12 November 1997; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction, the
15 state board of education and the legislative education study
16 committee.

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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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The roll call vote was 5 For 2 Against

Yes: 5

No: Boitano, Rawson

Excused: Duran, Garcia, Gorham

Absent: None

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