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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 52

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 1998

INTRODUCED BY

GLORIA HOWES

A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
ENCOURAGE THE USE OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT IN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, children are especially vulnerable to the toxic
effects of chemicals; and

WHEREAS, children deserve environmentally safe schools
that promote health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, many pesticides are known to be neurotoxic and
can adversely affect memory, attention, concentration and
overall learning; and

WHEREAS, the use of chemical pesticides can be
significantly reduced by adopting integrated pest management
policies that rely primarily on mechanical, physical, cultural
and biological measures to control pests; and

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1 WHEREAS, integrated pest management programs encourage
2 the avoidance of pesticides whenever possible and reserve the
3 application of chemical pesticides for when other methods have
4 failed; and

5 WHEREAS, integrated pest management is cost-effective and
6 has been successfully implemented in public schools across the
7 country, including schools in Texas, Maryland, Michigan,
8 Oregon and California, and at the university of New Mexico;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, integrated pest management in schools is
11 endorsed by the United States environmental protection agency,
12 the national parent teacher association and the national
13 education association; and

14 WHEREAS, most New Mexico public schools do not practice
15 integrated pest management; and

16 WHEREAS, free guidelines for school integrated pest
17 management are provided by the United States environmental
18 protection agency in the publication "IPM for Schools: A How-
19 To Manual";

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
21 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state department of public
22 education encourage the use of integrated pest management in
23 New Mexico schools and encourage schools to notify parents and
24 school occupants prior to the application of pesticides
25 whenever possible and to make applications when the premises

1 are unoccupied; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state department of
3 public education report its integrated pest management
4 promotional activities to the legislative education study
5 committee by December 1, 1998; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the superintendent of public instruction and
8 the director of the legislative education study committee for
9 appropriate distribution.

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7 Mr. President:

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9 Your RULES 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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23 Gloria Howes, Chairman

Adopted _____ Not

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8 The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

9 Yes: 5

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11 Excused: Aragon, Gorham, Rodarte

12 Absent: None

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