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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO CREATE
A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE CREATION OF AN INTERAGENCY SAFETY NET
FOR MALTREATED CHILDREN.

WHEREAS, the physical and emotional well-being and safety
of children in New Mexico are of utmost importance; and

WHEREAS, tragic events in recent years have shed light on
how the maltreatment of children can escalate quickly without
the knowledge of concerned individuals, agency staff and school
staff; and

WHEREAS, children who have been maltreated and who stop
attending school, whether a public, private or home school, are
particularly vulnerable to falling through the cracks; and

WHEREAS, the state is dedicated to mobilizing all agencies
and community organizations that are tasked with protecting the

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1 safety and security of children to help prevent such tragedies;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, communication and collaboration among all
4 appropriate agencies and community organizations are essential
5 to protecting New Mexico's children;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative
8 education study committee be requested to create a task force
9 to study the measures necessary to create an interagency safety
10 net for maltreated children who are vulnerable to falling
11 through the cracks and to seek participation on the task force
12 from at least one representative from each of the following
13 entities:

- 14 A. the public education department;
- 15 B. the human services department;
- 16 C. the protective services division of the
17 children, youth and families department;
- 18 D. the New Mexico school boards association;
- 19 E. the New Mexico superintendents' association;
- 20 F. the New Mexico association of elementary school
21 principals;
- 22 G. the New Mexico association of secondary school
23 principals;
- 24 H. the New Mexico coalition for charter schools;
- 25 I. Pegasus legal services for children;

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- 1 J. New Mexico voices for children;
- 2 K. New Mexico CASA network; and
- 3 L. any other entities or individuals deemed
- 4 appropriate by the public education department; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force publish its
6 findings and recommendations in a report, provide two copies of
7 the report to the legislative council service library and
8 publish the report on the legislative education study committee
9 website; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
11 transmitted to the chair of the legislative education study
12 committee; the secretary of public education; the secretary of
13 human services; the secretary of children, youth and families;
14 the public education department for distribution to all
15 department offices and organizations mentioned in this
16 memorial; and others the public education department believes
17 would be interested in the task force and its charge.