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A MEMORIAL

ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH AND
PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLWIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION
SUPPORT SYSTEMS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, every child comes to school with different
strengths, interests and needs; and

WHEREAS, the success of every student should be the goal
of everyone in the public school system; and

WHEREAS, supporting optimal student outcomes should be the
focus of teachers, school leaders and parents; and

WHEREAS, evidence-based schoolwide positive behavior
intervention support systems improve student outcomes and
student engagement; and

WHEREAS, public schools that implement schoolwide positive
behavior intervention support systems have teaching and

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1 learning environments that are less reactive, dangerous and
2 exclusionary and more engaging, responsive and productive; and

3 WHEREAS, public schools that implement schoolwide positive
4 behavior intervention support systems improve interactions with
5 students whose behaviors require more specialized assistance;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, one middle school in the state that implemented
8 schoolwide positive behavior intervention support systems
9 experienced a fifty percent reduction in office referrals over
10 a three-year period and an increase by fifty percent of
11 students who had a 3.5 or higher grade point average;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
13 OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department be
14 encouraged to establish schoolwide positive behavior
15 intervention support systems in public schools; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education
17 department be encouraged to provide professional development to
18 teachers and principals to optimally implement schoolwide
19 positive behavior intervention support systems in public
20 schools; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
22 transmitted to the secretary of public education.