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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, THE INDIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SERVICE TO IDENTIFY AND RECOMMEND AN APPROPRIATE FORMAL INTERIM HEARING AND REVIEW PROCESS FOR SANTA FE INDIAN SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school provides education to students from seventh through twelfth grades; and

WHEREAS, students attending the Santa Fe Indian school come from all nineteen Indian pueblos in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the state's nineteen Indian pueblos include land in thirteen counties: Bernalillo, Catron, Cibola, Lincoln, McKinley, Otero, Rio Arriba, San Juan, Sandoval, Santa Fe, Socorro, Taos and Valencia; and

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1 WHEREAS, in 2000, the attorney general opined that the
2 Santa Fe Indian school is a statewide institution because it
3 provides education to New Mexico students who would otherwise
4 be educated in other New Mexico public schools; and

5 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school's importance and
6 service to the state's Native American community and to the
7 state in general is critical; and

8 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Santa Fe Indian school is to
9 provide a challenging, stimulating academic program of
10 excellence that shares with students and their parents the
11 responsibility for developing the students' potential to meet
12 obligations to themselves and to their communities; and

13 WHEREAS, students at the Santa Fe Indian school are
14 provided with a place to explore, walk new paths and seek new
15 experiences and career opportunities while remaining true to
16 their Native American identity; and

17 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school cannot participate in
18 the state's public school operational funding formula process
19 or the higher education funding process; and

20 WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Indian school has no state project
21 review process through which it can prioritize and justify its
22 capital outlay needs;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
24 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative
25 finance committee collaborate with the department of finance

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1 and administration, the Indian affairs department and the
2 legislative council service to identify and recommend an
3 appropriate formal interim hearing and review process for Santa
4 Fe Indian school capital outlay projects; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative finance
6 committee, in collaboration with the department of finance and
7 administration, the Indian affairs department and the
8 legislative council service, present its recommendations at an
9 interim legislative finance committee meeting so that
10 determinations on Santa Fe Indian school funding requests may
11 be made by November 1, 2017 for possible inclusion in
12 legislation for consideration by the full legislative body
13 beginning in the second session of the fifty-third legislature;
14 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
16 transmitted to the director of the legislative finance
17 committee, the secretary of finance and administration, the
18 secretary of Indian affairs and the director of the legislative
19 council service.

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