

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 37

2 **50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE AND THE
12 PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO STUDY THE PROVISION OF EARLY
13 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED
14 CHILDREN AND EVALUATE HOW WELL THESE PROGRAMS COORDINATE WITH
15 SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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17 WHEREAS, the state provides early childhood educational
18 services for three- and four-year-old developmentally delayed
19 children; and

20 WHEREAS, developmentally delayed children are identified
21 and eligible to receive speech and language and other services
22 in publicly funded state programs; and

23 WHEREAS, a number of children identified for early
24 intervention services are transitioned into special education
25 programs in public school; and

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1 WHEREAS, many children who have speech and language
2 challenges are provided targeted interventions to remediate
3 these challenges, but it is not well understood how many of
4 these children do not need further services in public schools;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
6 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative education study
7 committee and the public education department be requested to
8 conduct a study to:

9 A. determine the current status of the early
10 identification of young children for early childhood education
11 programs and the continuum of special education services in the
12 state;

13 B. identify research-based strategies that are
14 having a positive impact on enrolled students;

15 C. examine guidelines and current practices
16 regarding placement in least restrictive environments in the
17 pre-kindergarten setting;

18 D. examine how data that relate to the number of
19 students referred to special education in public school from
20 early childhood speech and language programs are collected,
21 analyzed and reported; and

22 E. make recommendations on the best approach to
23 ensuring that students do not stay in the system longer than
24 necessary; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative education

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1 study committee and the public education department shall
2 report their findings and recommendations by November 30, 2011;
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
5 transmitted to the director of the legislative education study
6 committee and the secretary of public education.

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