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SENATE MEMORIAL 8

53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND EVALUATE POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS TO DECREASE THE RATES OF SUICIDE BY FIREARMS AND GUN VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, the frequency of firearms attacks and gun violence has continued to increase since the December 2012 massacre at Sandy Hook elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut, where twenty first-grade students and six adults were gunned down; and

WHEREAS, the gun violence archive, a nonprofit corporation formed to provide access to accurate information about gun-related violence in the United States, reports that in 2017, there were sixty-one thousand three hundred forty-nine gun-related incidents and fifteen thousand five hundred fifty-two

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1 deaths; and

2 WHEREAS, of the total number of gun-related deaths or
3 injuries, seven hundred thirty-two were children aged eleven
4 and younger and three thousand two hundred thirty-two deaths or
5 injuries involved teens aged twelve to seventeen; and

6 WHEREAS, the most recent mass murder in New Mexico was on
7 June 11, 2016 in Roswell, New Mexico, where one adult and four
8 children aged three, seven, eleven and fourteen died as a
9 result of gun violence; and

10 WHEREAS, the most recent school shooting on December 7,
11 2017 in Aztec, New Mexico, resulted in the death of two
12 students and the suicide of the shooter; and

13 WHEREAS, there is a national trend of increased use of
14 guns in student suicides, which is greater than that of student
15 homicides in schools; and

16 WHEREAS, from 1999 to 2015, the suicide rate among New
17 Mexico youth aged ten to twenty-four was consistently at least
18 sixty percent higher than that of the United States, according
19 to department of health statistics;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
21 OF NEW MEXICO that the public education department and the
22 legislative education study committee be requested to study and
23 evaluate potential solutions to decrease the rates of suicide
24 by firearms and gun violence in schools; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public education

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1 department and the legislative education study committee be
2 requested to provide a report of their findings and conclusions
3 to the legislative education study committee by October 1,
4 2018; and

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

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