

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THE STATE EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL TO STUDY
3 HOW TO INCREASE COMMUNICATION, COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION
4 AMONG EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICE PROVIDERS.

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6 WHEREAS, in the past, New Mexico pre-kindergarten state
7 funds and programs have displaced and supplanted federal
8 funding, resulting in the reversion of substantial funding
9 back to the federal government; and

10 WHEREAS, the reversion of these funds resulted in the
11 under-enrollment at various New Mexico head start and child
12 care programs around the state; and

13 WHEREAS, under-enrollment in New Mexico head start
14 programs may result in permanent reversion of funds to the
15 federal government; and

16 WHEREAS, in the past, limited state dollars have been
17 unevenly allocated, with some communities with early
18 childhood services for four-year-olds receiving
19 disproportionately more funding than other communities; and

20 WHEREAS, the disproportionate funding has led to
21 financial stress and closure of some private and nonprofit
22 programs; and

23 WHEREAS, when child care programs close, some services,
24 such as infant and toddler services, are lost; and

25 WHEREAS, increased communication, collaboration and

1 coordination among the children, youth and families
2 department, the public education department and early
3 childhood service providers would help working parents or
4 parents attending school to obtain better information on
5 access to the variety of services available to families with
6 children from birth through five years old; and

7 WHEREAS, such collaboration and coordination has the
8 potential to maximize state resources and to prevent
9 duplication of efforts; and

10 WHEREAS, combined funding sources and services could
11 strengthen and expand much-needed services for families;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
13 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the state early learning advisory
14 council be requested to study how to increase communication,
15 coordination and collaboration among early childhood service
16 providers; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state early learning
18 advisory council be requested to obtain input from the
19 children, youth and families department's early childhood
20 services division, the public education department's literacy
21 and early childhood education bureau, the Indian affairs
22 department, New Mexico head start, the New Mexico tribal head
23 start association, the New Mexico association for the
24 education of young children, the New Mexico child care and
25 education association, and family child care homes; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state early learning
2 advisory council be requested to report its findings and
3 recommendations to the legislative health and human services
4 committee, the legislative education study committee and the
5 legislative finance committee by October 1, 2017; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the chair of the state early learning advisory
8 council; the secretary of children, youth and families; the
9 secretary of public education; the secretary of Indian
10 affairs; the board chair of New Mexico head start; the board
11 chair of the New Mexico tribal head start association; the
12 executive director of the New Mexico association for the
13 education of young children; the president of the New Mexico
14 child care and education association; and representatives of
15 family child care homes. _____

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