

1 SENATE BILL 437

2 **57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO EDUCATION; DECLARING THAT THE PUBLIC POLICY OF THE
12 STATE IS THAT CORPORAL PUNISHMENT SHALL NOT BE USED IN EARLY
13 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE AND PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
14 EDUCATION; PROVIDING THAT THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION
15 OF THE STATE SHALL NOT OFFER OR GRANT ANY BENEFIT TO OR EXECUTE
16 A CONTRACT WITH A PERSON WHO PROVIDES EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
17 AND CARE OR PRIMARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION UNLESS THE PERSON
18 PROHIBITS THE USE OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ON THE PERSON'S
19 PREMISES.

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

22 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] CORPORAL PUNISHMENT PROHIBITED
23 IN EARLY CHILDHOOD, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.--The
24 public policy of the state is that corporal punishment shall
25 not be used in early childhood education and care and primary

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1 and secondary education. The state or a political subdivision
2 of the state shall not offer or grant any benefit to or execute
3 a contract with a person who provides early childhood education
4 and care or primary or secondary education unless the person
5 has adopted a policy, or otherwise agrees in writing, to
6 prohibit the use of corporal punishment on the person's
7 premises. As used in this section, "benefit" includes
8 financial assistance, permitting, licensing, accreditation,
9 advantages or privileges.