

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

2 **53RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2018**

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10 A JOINT RESOLUTION

11 PROPOSING TO AMEND ARTICLE 12 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW MEXICO  
12 BY ADDING A NEW SECTION TO CREATE THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
13 DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE FOR VOLUNTARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION  
14 SERVICES AND AMENDING SECTION 3 OF THAT ARTICLE TO ALLOW THAT  
15 DEPARTMENT TO CONTRACT FOR NONSECTARIAN, NONDENOMINATIONAL  
16 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SERVICES.

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18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

19 SECTION 1. It is proposed to amend Article 12 of the  
20 constitution of New Mexico by adding a new section to read:

21 "The "early childhood education department" is created as  
22 a cabinet department to provide for voluntary early childhood  
23 education services for children up to age five, including  
24 prenatal education and referral services. The governor, with  
25 the consent of the senate, shall appoint a secretary with at

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1 least ten years of experience studying, providing, supervising  
2 and administering early childhood education programs to head  
3 the department."

4 SECTION 2. It is proposed to amend Article 12, Section 3  
5 of the constitution of New Mexico to read:

6 "The schools, colleges, universities and other educational  
7 institutions provided for by this constitution shall forever  
8 remain under the exclusive control of the state. [~~and~~] No part  
9 of the proceeds arising from the sale or disposal of any lands  
10 granted to the state by congress, or any other funds  
11 appropriated, levied or collected for educational purposes,  
12 shall be used for the support of any sectarian, denominational  
13 or private school, college or university, except that those  
14 funds, other than the proceeds arising from the sale or  
15 disposal of any lands granted to the state by congress, may be  
16 used by the early childhood education department to contract  
17 for the provision of nonsectarian, nondenominational early  
18 childhood education services."

19 SECTION 3. The amendment proposed by this resolution  
20 shall be submitted to the people for their approval or  
21 rejection at the next general election or at any special  
22 election prior to that date that may be called for that  
23 purpose.