

FIFTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 2015

SB 668/a

March 18, 2015

Mr. President:

Your **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**, to whom has been referred

**SENATE BILL 668**

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it **DO PASS**, amended as follows:

1. On page 1, lines 12 and 13, strike "TO CHANGE RECOGNITION CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE PURPOSES OF NATIONAL" and insert in lieu thereof "REGARDING ACCEPTABLE".

2. On page 1, between lines 16 and 17, insert the following new section:

"SECTION 1. Section 9-2A-3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1992, Chapter 57, Section 3) is amended to read:

"9-2A-3. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Children, Youth and Families Department Act:

A. "department" means the children, youth and families department; [~~and~~]

B. "montessori" means a child-centered educational method based on scientific observations of children from birth to adulthood; and

[~~B.~~] C. "secretary" means the secretary of children, youth and families.""

3. Renumber the succeeding section accordingly.

4. On page 2, line 20, through page 3, line 1, strike Subsection G in its entirety and insert in lieu thereof:

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"G. include montessori accrediting bodies among those accrediting bodies from whom the department will accept proof of accreditation as sufficient qualification for a licensed child care center or licensed home provider to receive the highest reimbursement rate paid by the department;".

5. On page 4, line 2, after the semicolon, insert "and".

6. On page 4, strike lines 3 through 9 in their entirety and insert in lieu thereof the following new subsection:

"N. deem an early childhood teaching certificate issued by an accrediting body recognized by the United States department of education as the equivalent of a child development certificate recognized by the New Mexico professional system."".

Respectfully submitted,

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John M. Sapien, Chairman

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 7 For 0 Against

Yes: 7

No: 0

Excused: Brandt, Cotter

Absent: None