

**JOINT RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF  
SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward**

Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution grants the Legislature's approval for certain state entities to enter into a settlement agreement to resolve a pending lawsuit.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▶ gives approval to the settlement agreement negotiated by the parties and approved by the governor in the case *Christensen et al., v. Miner et al.*, Case No. 2:18-cv-0037 (United States District Court for the District of Utah).

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and other state entities and employees of Utah were sued by the Disability Law Center and a prospective class of Utah Medicaid eligible individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

WHEREAS, the parties have entered into a final settlement agreement;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Section [63G-10-302](#), the governor has approved that settlement agreement;

WHEREAS, Utah Code Section [63G-10-303](#) requires the Legislature to approve a



28 settlement agreement that legally binds the state to take action that might cost government  
29 entities more than \$1,000,000 to implement; and

30 WHEREAS, the cost of implementing the settlement agreement will exceed  
31 \$1,000,000:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature that the Legislature  
33 approves the final draft of the settlement agreement and action plan in the case of *Christensen*  
34 *et al., v. Miner et al.*