

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

Memorializes the 2011 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will help prevent the high percentage of teen pregnancy by lowering the age to purchase birth control without the consent of a parent or a legal guardian to 16 years of age.

WHEREAS; Nevada has the highest teen pregnancy percentage compared to all of the other states in the United State; and

WHEREAS; a lot of teenagers feel they cannot tell their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) they are sexually active, so they do not get birth control; and

WHEREAS; teenagers are not adult enough and are not ready to take on the responsibility of another human life; and

WHEREAS; birth control costs a lot less than all of the expenses of delivering and raising a child; and

WHEREAS; many teenage mothers do not finish their high school education; and

WHEREAS; if a teenage mother does not finish their high school education, they may lack job skills which makes it difficult to find work; and

WHEREAS; a lot of teenage fathers take no responsibility for the welfare of their child; and

WHEREAS; teens are more likely to smoke during pregnancy which causes problems with the fetus; and

WHEREAS; babies from teenage mothers are more likely to die within their first year than babies from woman in their thirties; and

WHEREAS; this resolution would have a large positive impact on the high percentage of teen pregnancy in this state; therefore, be it RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on July 1, 2011, that the 2013 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to lower the age to purchase birth control without the consent of a parent or legal guardian to 16 years of age.