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Governor Bill Richardson Announces Two Cabinet Officers Will Switch Agencies

GSD Secretary Ed Lopez moves to Regulation and Licensing, RLD Superintendent Art Jaramillo to GSD

SANTA FE- Governor Bill Richardson today announced that General Services Department Secretary Ed Lopez will become the Superintendent of the State Regulation and Licensing Department. Lopez will trade positions with current RLD Superintendent Arturo L. Jaramillo, who will replace him at GSD.

“Ed Lopez has extensive experience in the private sector, particularly in businesses that are regulated and licensed by the government,” said Governor Richardson. “Arturo Jaramillo is a talented manager with strong administrative skills that will be a good fit for a large, government service oriented agency such as GSD. I am fortunate to have a cabinet made up of competent, successful individuals who can take on many roles.”

The Governor pointed to Superintendent Jaramillo’s success in strengthening enforcement of the state’s alcohol regulations—including rules to stop the serving of minors and intoxicated individuals—to help fight DWI and other problems associated with alcohol abuse. He also recognized Secretary Lopez for successfully consolidating state purchasing, telecommunications and information technologies, and facilities project management saving taxpayers tens of millions of dollars.

The transition will begin immediately. Arturo Jaramillo must still be confirmed by the State Senate.

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