

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

2 BY CONNOLLY and KRAMER

3 A Concurrent Resolution relating to an interim study
4 on the effects of conditions of poverty on the
5 education of the children of Iowa.

6 WHEREAS, conditions of poverty affect all schools
7 and all communities of the state of Iowa; and

8 WHEREAS, the education committees of both chambers
9 of the General Assembly have passed legislation
10 intended to address the impact of the condition of
11 poverty on the public schools of Iowa; and

12 WHEREAS, the social demographics of the state are
13 rapidly changing; and

14 WHEREAS, the public schools are responsible for
15 providing an equitable, free public education for all
16 children; and

17 WHEREAS, the conditions of poverty negatively
18 impact the health, education, and employability of
19 Iowa's citizens; NOW THEREFORE,

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Legislative
22 Council is urged to authorize and expend the necessary
23 funds to conduct an interim study that will assess the
24 impact of poverty on the decision making and teaching
25 and learning systems of Iowa's public school for
26 grades kindergarten through 12.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such a study seek
28 assistance from the state departments of education,
29 human services, economic development, and other public
30 and nonpublic institutions and agencies deemed

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1 appropriate.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study do all of
3 the following: define the conditions of poverty;
4 estimate the number of school dropouts and the number
5 of children and families living in poverty; compare
6 the conditions of poverty in Iowa with other
7 midwestern states; and recommend a procedure to track
8 the impact of poverty on education, health conditions,
9 and the Iowa job market.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That such a study, being
11 considered of utmost importance to the welfare of the
12 state, begin as soon as possible, with the results of
13 the study to be completed by December 15, 1995, and to
14 be reported to the Iowa General Assembly by January
15 15, 1996.

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