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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2005
BY CONNOLLY

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of
2 the State of Iowa relating to the right of children to free
3 education through the secondary level.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Article I of the Constitution of the State of
2 Iowa is amended by adding the following new section:

3 RIGHT TO FREE EDUCATION. Sec. 26. Every child shall have
4 a right to a free education.

5 It is the duty of the state to provide a system of high-
6 quality public education and to guarantee equality of
7 educational opportunity. Public education through the
8 secondary level shall be free. The state has the
9 responsibility to determine the method of financing the system
10 of public education.

11 There may be such other free education as the general
12 assembly provides by law.

13 Sec. 2. The foregoing amendment to the Constitution of the
14 State of Iowa is referred to the General Assembly to be chosen
15 at the next general election for members of the General
16 Assembly and the Secretary of State is directed to cause the
17 same to be published for three consecutive months previous to
18 the date of that election as provided by law.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This Joint Resolution proposes an amendment to the
21 Constitution of the State of Iowa establishing a right to a
22 free education for every child. The state has a duty to
23 provide high-quality public education, to guarantee
24 educational opportunity, and to determine the method of
25 financing the system of public education. The Resolution
26 provides for such other free education as determined by the
27 general assembly. The resolution, if adopted, would be
28 referred to the next general assembly for adoption before
29 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.

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