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1 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO.
2 BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
3 (SUCCESSOR TO HSB 131)
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5 of a committee by the Legislative Council to
6 conduct a comprehensive study of school finance
7 and make recommendations for a revised school
8 aid formula.
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10 chapter 257 is subject to a sunset provision repealing
11 the chapter effective July 1, 2001; and
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17 students who require special assistance to
18 successfully complete the requirements of a standard
19 school curriculum; and
20 WHEREAS, there exists interest in and support for a
21 new school foundation formula addressing existing
22 inequities, easing the property tax burden, and
23 simplifying the present formula; and
24 WHEREAS, the General Assembly believes that a
25 comprehensive review of the current school aid formula
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27 prior to that date are necessary and in the best
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29 state of Iowa; NOW THEREFORE,
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6 present school finance formula, the property tax
7 burden on taxpayers of the various school districts
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12 1, 2001.

13 The working committee shall be composed of members
14 of both political parties and both houses of the
15 General Assembly who are members of the Committees on
16 Education and the Committees on Ways and Means and
17 members who represent the Department of Education,
18 education interest groups, and other organizations and
19 associations interested in school finance.

20 The committee shall be staffed by the Legislative
21 Service Bureau and the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. The
22 committee shall begin its deliberations following the
23 adjournment of the 1997 Session of the General
24 Assembly and shall issue its report of recommendations
25 by December 1, 1998.

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27 General Assembly meeting in 1999 shall enact a school
28 aid formula to replace the formula contained in Code
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HOUSE AMENDMENT TO - SENATE AMENDMENT TO
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15

S-5378

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2 Concurrent Resolution 15, as passed by the House, as
3 follows:

4 1. Page 1, line 5, by striking the word "may" and
5 inserting the following: "shall".

6 2. Page 1, by striking lines 25 through 30 and
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S-5378 FILED MARCH 25, 1998

Senate Refused

4-14-98 (p. 1211)

House Receded

4-20-98 (p. 1832)

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15

S-5027

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8 formula. The study may include a review of other
9 sources of kindergarten through grade twelve public
10 school funding. The working committee shall be
11 composed of ten members, representing both political
12 parties and both houses of the General Assembly. Five
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14 shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the
15 Senate and two of whom shall be appointed by the
16 Minority Leader of the Senate. The additional five
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18 Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the
19 House, three of whom shall be of the majority party
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30 1999. The Legislative Council may expend from moneys
31 appropriated in section 2.12 up to \$150,000, or so
32 much thereof as is necessary, to fund the expenses of
33 the committee."

By COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
DONALD B. REDFERN, Chairperson

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By GRIES of Crawford
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