

EDUCATION

1           SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 103  
 2       BY VILSACK, GRONSTAL, DEARDEN, FINK, HALVORSON,  
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6 A Concurrent Resolution encouraging the federal  
 7       government to ease restrictions on the immediate  
 8       removal from the classroom of students behaving  
 9       violently or disruptively and requesting an  
 10      appropriation increase to assist in establishing  
 11      alternative education programs.

12      WHEREAS, teachers cannot perform their jobs  
 13      effectively and students' learning abilities are  
 14      impaired when other students chronically or severely  
 15      disrupt class, sometimes to the point of endangering  
 16      the health and safety of teachers and students; and

17      WHEREAS, federal laws and regulations seemingly  
 18      ignore the rights of the students who choose to attend  
 19      school, focus on their education, and learn in a civil  
 20      environment; and

21      WHEREAS, schools are exposed to lawsuits from  
 22      parents who fear for their children's safety in  
 23      classrooms where disruptive and possibly violent  
 24      behavior must be tolerated because of federal laws and  
 25      regulations; and

26      WHEREAS, changes resulting from the enactment of  
 27      the revised Individuals with Disabilities Education  
 28      Act (IDEA), Pub. L. No. 105-17, improve the plight of  
 29      students, teachers, and administrators who wish to  
 30      learn and work in a safe environment, but do not go

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1 far enough; and

2 WHEREAS, students who exhibit violent or  
3 chronically disruptive behavior need the special  
4 attention an alternative education program can  
5 provide; NOW THEREFORE,

6 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
7 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the federal executive  
8 branch and Congress are encouraged and requested to  
9 ease the restrictions on the immediate removal from  
10 the classroom of students behaving violently or  
11 disruptively; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the federal  
13 administration and Congress are also encouraged and  
14 requested to increase IDEA appropriations to assist  
15 states in establishing alternative education programs  
16 for violent students; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage by both  
18 the Senate and the House of Representatives, that  
19 copies of this resolution be delivered to the  
20 President of the United States, the members of Iowa's  
21 congressional delegation, and United States Secretary  
22 of Education Richard W. Riley or his successor.

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