

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

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Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
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1 A Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of  
 2 the State of Iowa relating to free public schools and equality  
 3 of educational opportunity.

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

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

3 FREE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. SEC. 16.

4 The General Assembly shall provide a basic system of free  
5 quality public elementary and secondary schools. The system  
6 shall guarantee equality of educational opportunity. The  
7 General Assembly shall fund and distribute in an equitable  
8 manner to the school districts the state's share of the cost  
9 of the basic elementary and secondary school system.

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

17 EXPLANATION

18 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the  
19 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the  
20 establishment of state responsibility to provide a basic  
21 system of free quality public elementary and secondary  
22 schools, with the state's share of the funding to be equitably  
23 distributed. The resolution, if adopted, would be referred to  
24 the next general assembly for adoption a second time before  
25 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.

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