

Senate Joint Resolution 2005 - Introduced

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2005
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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 all youths of this
3 state to a comprehensive public education.
4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of the
2 State of Iowa is proposed:

3 Article I of the Constitution of the State of Iowa is amended
4 by adding the following new section:

5 Sec. 24A. **Right to a public education.** The state shall
6 provide all youths of this state with a comprehensive education
7 that meets or exceeds national standards through a system of
8 public schools and competent educators. Such education shall
9 include instruction in reading, literature, mathematics, science,
10 technology, history, social science, public affairs, the arts,
11 human growth and development, and such other subjects as may
12 be determined directly by the general assembly or indirectly by
13 a competent state agency of education pursuant to the general
14 assembly's delegation of authority.

15 Sec. 2. REFERRAL AND PUBLICATION. The foregoing proposed
16 amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa is referred
17 to the general assembly to be chosen at the next general election
18 for members of the general assembly, and shall be published as
19 provided by law for three consecutive months previous to the date
20 of that election.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This joint resolution proposes an amendment to the
25 Constitution of the State of Iowa relating to the right of all
26 youths of this state to a comprehensive public education.

27 The joint resolution requires the state to provide all youths
28 of this state with a comprehensive education that meets or
29 exceeds national standards through a system of public schools
30 and competent educators. The joint resolution establishes the
31 subjects that are to be included in the comprehensive education
32 that is provided.

33 The resolution, if adopted, would be published and then
34 referred to the next general assembly (92nd) for adoption, before
35 being submitted to the electorate for ratification.