

By Representative Bullard

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House Joint Resolution

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article IX of the State Constitution relating to the system of public education.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

That the amendment to Section 1 of Article IX of the State Constitution set forth below is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors of Florida for approval or rejection at the general election to be held in November 1998:

SECTION 1. System of public education.--The children of this state are its most important asset and they have a fundamental right to legislative funding necessary to provide an adequate and appropriate education. Therefore, the legislature shall make ~~Adequate~~ ~~provision shall be made~~ by law for a uniform system of free public schools and for the establishment, maintenance and operation of institutions of higher learning and other public education programs that the needs of the people may require. The legislature shall appropriate sufficient funds so as to provide minimum educational funding per child that is equal to at least the average amount of funding received per child in the states of this nation which rank within the upper quartile in per-pupil educational expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accordance the requirements of section 101.161, Florida Statutes, the title and substance of the amendment proposed herein shall appear on the ballot as follows:

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REQUIRING APPROPRIATION FOR
EDUCATIONAL FUNDING

Requires the Legislature to appropriate funds for education to provide minimum funding per child in an amount equal to at least the average amount of funding received per child in states which rank within the upper quartile in per-pupil educational expenditures.