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1 The Choice & Innovation Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 House Joint Resolution

6 A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 8 of
7 Article IX of the State Constitution relating to
8 education.

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

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12 That the following creation of Section 8 of Article IX of
13 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to
14 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
15 general election or at an earlier special election specifically
16 authorized by law for that purpose:

17 ARTICLE IX

18 EDUCATION

19 SECTION 8. Equal opportunity to obtain a high quality
20 education.--Every child deserves an equal opportunity to obtain
21 a high quality education, regardless of his or her family's
22 income, religion, or race.

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51 | income, religion, or race; to provide that funding for high
52 | quality public K-12 education through classroom instruction is
53 | fundamental; to provide that to make adequate provision for a
54 | high quality public K-12 education, at least sixty-five percent
55 | of school funding received by school districts shall be spent on
56 | classroom instruction rather than administration; to provide
57 | that classroom instruction and administration shall be defined
58 | by law; to provide that students in prekindergarten through
59 | college who have disabilities, are economically disadvantaged,
60 | or whose parents request alternatives to traditional public
61 | education programs may participate, as provided by law, in
62 | education programs that include non-public schools; to provide
63 | that the Legislature may enact and publicly fund prekindergarten
64 | through college education programs, without regard to the
65 | religious nature of any participant or non-public provider,
66 | notwithstanding any other provision of this Article or of
67 | Section 3 of Article I of the State Constitution; and to provide
68 | that nothing in this amendment to the State Constitution
69 | establishes a right to an education program that is not provided
70 | by law.