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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Choice & Innovation Committee recommends the following: 2 3 Council/Committee Substitute Remove the entire bill and insert: 4 House Joint Resolution 5 6 A joint resolution proposing the creation of Section 8 of Article IX of the State Constitution relating to 7 8 education. 9 10 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 That the following creation of Section 8 of Article IX of 12 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to 13 14 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next general election or at an earlier special election specifically 15 authorized by law for that purpose: 16 17 ARTICLE IX EDUCATION 18 SECTION 8. Equal opportunity to obtain a high quality 19 education. -- Every child deserves an equal opportunity to obtain 20 a high quality education, regardless of his or her family's 21 income, religion, or race. 22

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23	(a) Funding for a high quality public K-12 education
24	through classroom instruction is fundamental. To make adequate
25	provision for a high quality public K-12 education, at least
26	sixty-five percent of school funding received by school
27	districts shall be spent on classroom instruction, rather than
28	administration. Classroom instruction and administration shall
29	be defined by law.
30	(b) Students in prekindergarten through college who have
31	disabilities, are economically disadvantaged, or whose parents
32	request alternatives to traditional public education programs
33	may participate, as provided by law, in education programs that
34	include non-public schools. The legislature may enact and
35	publicly fund prekindergarten through college education
36	programs, without regard to the religious nature of any
37	participant or non-public provider, notwithstanding any other
38	provision of this Article or Section 3 of Article I of this
39	constitution.
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41	Nothing in this section establishes a right to an education
42	program not provided by law.
43	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
44	placed on the ballot:
45	CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
46	ARTICLE IX, SECTION 8
47	EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A HIGH QUALITY
48	EDUCATIONProposing an amendment to the State Constitution to
49	provide that every child deserves an equal opportunity to obtain
50	a high quality education, regardless of his or her family's Page2of3

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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 fundamental; to provide that to make adequate provision for a 53 54 high quality public K-12 education, at least sixty-five percent of school funding received by school districts shall be spent on 55 56 classroom instruction rather than administration; to provide that classroom instruction and administration shall be defined 57 by law; to provide that students in prekindergarten through 58 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 that the Legislature may enact and publicly fund prekindergarten 63 through college education programs, without regard to the 64 65 religious nature of any participant or non-public provider, notwithstanding any other provision of this Article or of 66 67 Section 3 of Article I of the State Constitution; and to provide that nothing in this amendment to the State Constitution 68 69 establishes a right to an education program that is not provided by law. 70

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