

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Education Council 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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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, the
 26 legislature shall ensure that funding provided for public
 27 schools shall primarily be used for classroom instruction rather
 28 than administration. Classroom instruction and administration
 29 shall be defined by law.

30 (b) Students in prekindergarten through college who have
 31 disabilities, are economically disadvantaged, or meet other
 32 legislatively specified criteria may participate, as provided by
 33 law, in education programs that include nonpublic schools. The
 34 legislature may enact and publicly fund prekindergarten through
 35 college education programs, without regard to the religious
 36 nature of any participant or nonpublic provider, notwithstanding
 37 any other provision of this Article or the last sentence of
 38 Section 3 of Article I of this constitution.

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 40 Nothing in this section establishes a right to an education
 41 program not provided by law.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
 43 placed on the ballot:

44 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

45 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 8

46 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN A HIGH QUALITY
 47 EDUCATION.--Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to
 48 provide that every child deserves an equal opportunity to obtain
 49 a high quality education, regardless of his or her family's
 50 income, religion, or race; to provide that funding for a high

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51 | quality public K-12 education through classroom instruction is
52 | fundamental; to provide that to make adequate provision for a
53 | high quality public K-12 education, the Legislature shall ensure
54 | that funding provided for public schools shall primarily be used
55 | for classroom instruction rather than administration; to provide
56 | that classroom instruction and administration shall be defined
57 | by law; to provide that students in prekindergarten through
58 | college who have disabilities, are economically disadvantaged,
59 | or meet other legislatively specified criteria may participate,
60 | as provided by law, in education programs that include nonpublic
61 | schools; to provide that the Legislature may enact and publicly
62 | fund prekindergarten through college education programs, without
63 | regard to the religious nature of any participant or nonpublic
64 | provider, notwithstanding any other provision of this Article or
65 | the last sentence of Section 3 of Article I of the State
66 | Constitution; and to provide that this amendment to the State
67 | Constitution does not establish a right to an education program
68 | that is not provided by law.