

CACR 7 – AS INTRODUCED

2013 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **7**

RELATING TO: public education.

PROVIDING THAT: the general court shall have the authority to define standards for public education, establish standards of accountability, mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, and have full discretion to determine the amount of state funding for education.

SPONSORS: Rep. Itse, Rock 10; Rep. Comerford, Rock 33; Rep. Jones, Straf 24; Rep. Kappler, Rock 3; Rep. Oligny, Rock 34; Rep. D. McGuire, Merr 21; Rep. Lambert, Hills 44; Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that the general court has the authority to define standards for public education, establish standards of accountability, mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, and have full discretion to determine the amount of state funding for education.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: public education.

PROVIDING THAT: the general court shall have the authority to define standards for public education, establish standards of accountability, mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, and have full discretion to determine the amount of state funding for education.

Be it Resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the Constitution of New Hampshire be amended as follows:

1 I. That the second part of the constitution be amended by inserting after article 5-b the
2 following new article:

3 [Art.] 5-c [Public Education.] In fulfillment of the provisions with respect to education set forth
4 in Part II, Article 83, the general court shall have the authority and full discretion to define
5 reasonable standards for elementary and secondary public education and to establish reasonable
6 standards of accountability therefor. The general court shall have full discretion to determine the
7 amount of, and methods of raising and distributing, state funding for education.

8 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
9 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2014.

10 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
11 insert in their warrants for the said 2014 election an article to the following effect: To decide
12 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2013 session of the general court shall
13 be approved.

14 IV. That the wording of the question put to the qualified voters shall be:
15 “Are you in favor of amending the second part of the constitution by inserting after article 5-b a new
16 article to read as follows:

17 [Art.] 5-c [Public Education.] In fulfillment of the provisions with respect to education set forth in
18 Part II, Article 83, the general court shall have the authority and full discretion to define reasonable
19 standards for elementary and secondary public education and to establish reasonable standards of
20 accountability therefor. The general court shall have full discretion to determine the amount of, and
21 methods of raising and distributing, state funding for education.”

22 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
23 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall
24 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no cross is made in
25 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall

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1 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional
2 Amendments proposed by the 2013 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the
3 ballot.

4 VI. That if the proposed amendment is approved by 2/3 of those voting on the amendment, it
5 becomes effective when the governor proclaims its adoption.