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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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RELATING TO: public education.

PROVIDING THAT: the general court shall define standards and funding for public education.

SPONSORS: Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Morse, Dist 22; Sen. Forrester, Dist 2; Sen. Stiles, Dist 24; Sen. Avar, Dist 12; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Cataldo, Dist 6; Sen. Boutin, Dist 16; Sen. Little, Dist 8; Rep. Hess, Merr 24; Rep. Kurk, Hills 2; Rep. Major, Rock 14; Rep. Flanagan, Hills 26

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that the legislature shall have the responsibility to maintain a public education system and to mitigate disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity, and shall have the power and authority to make reasonable standards for education and accountability and to determine the amount of state funding for education.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Fifteen

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: public education.

PROVIDING THAT: the general court shall define standards and funding for public education.

Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives 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 Legislature shall have the responsibility to maintain a system of public
5 elementary and secondary education and to mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and
6 fiscal capacity. In furtherance thereof, the Legislature shall have the full power and authority to
7 make reasonable standards for elementary and secondary public education and standards of
8 accountability and to determine the amount of, and the methods of raising and distributing, state
9 funding for public education.

10 II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified
11 voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2016.

12 III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to
13 insert in their warrants for the said 2016 election an article to the following effect: To decide
14 whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2015 session of the general court shall
15 be approved.

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

19 [Art.] 5-c [Public Education]. In fulfillment of the provisions with respect to education set forth
20 in Part II, Article 83, the Legislature shall have the responsibility to maintain a system of public
21 elementary and secondary education and to mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and
22 fiscal capacity. In furtherance thereof, the Legislature shall have the full power and authority to
23 make reasonable standards for elementary and secondary public education and standards of
24 accountability and to determine the amount of, and the methods of raising and distributing, state
25 funding for public education.”

26 V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or
27 on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall

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1 include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote “Yes” or “No.” If no cross is made in
2 either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall
3 be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words “Questions Relating to Constitutional
4 Amendments proposed by the 2015 General Court” shall be printed in bold type at the top of the
5 ballot.

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