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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 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. Hill, Merr. 3; Rep. McGuire, Merr. 29; Rep. Hoell, Merr. 23; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution provides that the general court shall have the authority to define standards for education, establish standards of accountability, and 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 struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: public education.

PROVIDING THAT: the general court shall have the authority to define 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:

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

[Art.] 5-c [Public Education.] In fulfillment of the provisions with respect to education set forth in Part II, Article 83, the General Court shall have the authority and full discretion to define reasonable standards for elementary and secondary public education, to establish reasonable standards of accountability therefor, and to mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity. Further, in the exercise thereof, the General Court shall have full discretion to determine the amount of, and methods of raising and distributing, State funding for education.

II. That the above amendment proposed to the constitution be submitted to the qualified voters of the state at the state general election to be held in November, 2018.

III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to insert in their warrants for the said 2018 election an article to the following effect: To decide whether the amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2017 session of the general court shall be approved.

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

[Art.] 5-c [Public Education.] In fulfillment of the provisions with respect to education set forth in Part II, Article 83, the General Court shall have the authority and full discretion to define reasonable standards for elementary and secondary public education, to establish reasonable standards of accountability therefor, and to mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity. Further, in the exercise thereof, the General Court shall have full discretion to determine the amount of, and methods of raising and distributing, State funding for education."

V. That the secretary of state shall print the question to be submitted on a separate ballot or on the same ballot with other constitutional questions. The ballot containing the question shall include 2 squares next to the question allowing the voter to vote "Yes" or "No." If no cross is made

in either of the squares, the ballot shall not be counted on the question. The outside of the ballot shall be the same as the regular official ballot except that the words "Questions Relating to Constitutional Amendments proposed by the 2017 General Court" shall be printed in bold type at the top of the ballot.

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