

**CACR 34 – AS INTRODUCED**

2008 SESSION

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION **34**

RELATING TO: funding of public education.

PROVIDING THAT: the general court shall define an adequate education and distribute state funds for public education in a manner that alleviates local disparities.

SPONSORS: Sen. Foster, Dist 13; Sen. Gatsas, Dist 16; Sen. Burling, Dist 5; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 24; Sen. Barnes, Dist 17; Sen. Roberge, Dist 9; Sen. Odell, Dist 8; Sen. Gottesman, Dist 12; Sen. Hassan, Dist 23; Sen. Larsen, Dist 15; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. DeVries, Dist 18

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

**ANALYSIS**

This constitutional amendment concurrent resolution requires the general court to define an adequate education and distribute state funds for public education in a manner that alleviates local disparities.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Eight*

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

RELATING TO: funding of public education.

PROVIDING THAT: the general court shall define an adequate education and distribute state funds for public education in a manner that alleviates local disparities.

*Be it Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives 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 83 the following new article:

[Art.] 83-a [Funding Public Education.] In fulfillment of the state's duties set forth in the preceding article, the general court shall have the authority and responsibility to reasonably define the content of an adequate public education and to distribute state funds for public education in the manner that it reasonably determines to alleviate local disparities.

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, 2008.

III. That the selectmen of all towns, cities, wards and places in the state are directed to insert in their warrants for the said 2008 election an article to the following effect: To decide whether the

amendments of the constitution proposed by the 2008 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 83 a new article to read as follows:

[Art.] 83-a [Funding Public Education.] In fulfillment of the state’s duties set forth in the preceding article, the general court shall have the authority and responsibility to reasonably define the content of an adequate public education and to distribute state funds for public education in the manner that it reasonably determines to alleviate local disparities.”

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 2008 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.