

**ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 29**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Proposes amendment to Constitution to provide that State aid to school districts will be allocated on equal per pupil basis.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION** proposing to amend Article VIII,
2 Section IV, paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the State of New
3 Jersey.

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5 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
6 *Jersey (the Senate concurring):*

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8 1. The following proposed amendment to the Constitution of
9 the State of New Jersey is agreed to:

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11 PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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13 1. The Legislature shall provide for the maintenance and
14 support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools for
15 the instruction of all the children in the State between the ages of
16 five and eighteen years. In providing for the maintenance and
17 support of a thorough and efficient system of free public schools,
18 the Legislature shall enact laws prescribing that State funding
19 payable to school districts, other than funding for special education,
20 shall be on an equal per pupil basis. Nothing herein shall be
21 construed as requiring a minimum amount, or establishing a
22 maximum amount, of funding to be provided by the State, or
23 requiring that the State provide funding based on the amount of
24 funding provided in a prior year.

25 (cf: Art. VIII, Sec. I, par. 1)

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27 2. When this proposed amendment to the Constitution is finally
28 agreed to pursuant to Article IX, paragraph 1 of the Constitution, it
29 shall be submitted to the people at the next general election
30 occurring more than three months after the final agreement and
31 shall be published at least once in at least one newspaper of each
32 county designated by the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
33 General Assembly and the Secretary of State, not less than three
34 months prior to the general election.

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36 3. This proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be
37 submitted to the people at that election in the following manner and
38 form:

39 There shall be printed on each official ballot to be used at the
40 general election, the following:

41 a. In every municipality in which voting machines are not used,
42 a legend which shall immediately precede the question as follows:

43 If you favor the proposition printed below make a cross (X), plus
44 (+), or check (✓) in the square opposite the word "Yes." If you are

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 opposed thereto make a cross (X), plus (+) or check (✓) in the
2 square opposite the word "No."
3 b. In every municipality the following question:
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Table with 3 columns: YES, NO, and descriptive text. The YES column contains the question about amending the Constitution for equal per pupil basis. The NO column contains an interpretive statement about the amendment's effect on state funding.

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STATEMENT

9 This Assembly Concurrent Resolution proposes a constitutional
10 amendment to specify that State aid payable directly to school
11 districts, other than funding for special education, would be
12 provided on an equal per pupil basis. The amendment also specifies
13 that the State would not be required to provide a minimum, nor does
14 it establish a maximum, amount of funding to school districts.