

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION H

March 2, 2017, Introduced by Reps. Camilleri, Geiss, Zemke, Brinks, Hammoud, Rabhi, Elder, Guerra, Hoadley, Sabo, Sneller, Pagan, Gay-Dagnogo, Durhal, Lasinski, Moss, Ellison, Wittenberg, Greig, Phelps, Faris, Neeley, Clemente, LaGrand, Schor, Byrd, Scott, Green, Hertel, Chang, Santana, Love, Cochran, Chirkun, Liberati, Jones, Yanez, Peterson, Dianda, Inman, Sowerby, Greimel and Singh and referred to the Committee on Education Reform.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 2 of article VIII, to recognize education and access to literacy as fundamental human rights.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to recognize education and access to literacy as fundamental human rights, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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ARTICLE VIII

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Sec. 2. The legislature shall maintain and support a system of

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free public elementary and secondary schools ~~as defined by law.~~

1 **THAT IS PREMISED ON A RECOGNITION OF FULL AND EQUITABLE**
2 **OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND ACCESS TO LITERACY AS FUNDAMENTAL**
3 **HUMAN RIGHTS ESSENTIAL TO THE EXERCISE OF ALL OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS.**

4 Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils
5 without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or
6 national origin.

7 No public monies or property shall be appropriated or paid or
8 any public credit utilized, by the legislature or any other
9 political subdivision or agency of the state directly or indirectly
10 to aid or maintain any private, denominational or other nonpublic,
11 pre-elementary, elementary, or secondary school. No payment,
12 credit, tax benefit, exemption or deductions, tuition voucher,
13 subsidy, grant or loan of public monies or property shall be
14 provided, directly or indirectly, to support the attendance of any
15 student or the employment of any person at any such nonpublic
16 school or at any location or institution where instruction is
17 offered in whole or in part to such nonpublic school students. The
18 legislature may provide for the transportation of students to and
19 from any school.

20 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
21 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election
22 in the manner provided by law.