



100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2017 and 2018

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

HC0012

Introduced , by Rep. Sue Scherer

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. X, Sec. 1

Proposes to amend Section 1 of Article X of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that the amount appropriated to the State Board of Education to provide funding to school districts may not be reduced in a given fiscal year from the previous fiscal year without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected to each house of the General Assembly. Effective upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
4 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Section 1 of Article X
9 of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

10 ARTICLE X
11 EDUCATION

12 (IILCON Art. X, Sec. 1)

13 SECTION 1. GOAL - FREE SCHOOLS

14 A fundamental goal of the People of the State is the
15 educational development of all persons to the limits of their
16 capacities.

17 The State shall provide for an efficient system of high
18 quality public educational institutions and services.
19 Education in public schools through the secondary level shall
20 be free. There may be such other free education as the General
21 Assembly provides by law.

22 The State has the primary responsibility for financing the
23 system of public education. Notwithstanding Section 8 of

1 Article IV of this Constitution or any other law to the
2 contrary, the amount appropriated to the State Board of
3 Education to provide funding to school districts may not be
4 reduced in a given fiscal year from the previous fiscal year
5 without the concurrence of three-fifths of the members elected
6 to each house of the General Assembly.

7 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

8 SCHEDULE

9 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
10 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
11 Constitutional Amendment Act.