

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0006

Public instruction constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Meier, Bebout, Burns, Driskill,  
Hicks and Peterson and Representative(s)  
Blackburn, Burkhart, Madden, Miller,  
Steinmetz and Wilson

## A BILL

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to modify standards for  
2 judicial review relating to education funding.

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4 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*  
5 two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting  
6 separately, concurring therein:

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8       **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming  
9 Constitution, Article 7, Section 9 is proposed for  
10 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the  
11 next general election for approval or rejection to become  
12 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a  
13 majority of the electors at the election:

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1           **Article 7, Section 9. Taxation for schools.**

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3           (a) The legislature shall make such further provision  
4 by taxation or otherwise, as with the income arising from  
5 the general school fund will create and maintain a thorough  
6 and efficient system of public schools, adequate to the  
7 proper instruction of all youth of the state, between the  
8 ages of six and twenty-one years, free of charge; and in  
9 view of such provision so made, the legislature shall  
10 require that every child of sufficient physical and mental  
11 ability shall attend a public school during the period  
12 between six and eighteen years for a time equivalent to  
13 three years, unless educated by other means.

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15           (b) Any finance system for public schools adopted by  
16 the legislature shall be presumed to be valid and a  
17 rational basis standard of review shall be employed in any  
18 judicial proceeding to review the constitutionality of the  
19 school finance system.

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21           **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State shall endorse  
22 the following statement on the proposed amendment:

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2 This amendment would require greater judicial deference  
3 when reviewing challenges to legislative enactments related  
4 to the school finance system.

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(END)