

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. SJ0009

Public school financing.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kinskey, Coe and Meier

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
 2 constitution to specify that the legislature determines the
 3 adequacy of public school funding and prohibiting courts
 4 from requiring funding beyond that prescribed by law.

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

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

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

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3 The legislature shall make such further provision by
4 taxation or otherwise, as the legislature determines
5 necessary together with the income arising from the general
6 school fund ~~will~~to create and maintain a thorough and
7 efficient system of public schools, adequate to the proper
8 instruction of all youth of the state, between the ages of
9 six and twenty-one years, free of charge; and in view of
10 such provision so made, the legislature shall require that
11 every child of sufficient physical and mental ability shall
12 attend a public school during the period between six and
13 eighteen years for a time equivalent to three years, unless
14 educated by other means. No court shall require the
15 imposition of any tax nor require any other provision of
16 funding beyond those prescribed by law to carry into effect
17 the provisions of this section.

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

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2 This amendment would specify that the legislature shall
3 determine the adequacy of funding for the public schools in
4 this state. It would prohibit a court from requiring the
5 imposition of a tax or other funding in order to provide
6 additional monies to fund schools beyond taxes and other
7 funding prescribed by law.

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