

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0009

Public school funding.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Steinmetz, Allen, Burkhart  
and Hunt and Senator(s) Driskill

## 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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2           **Article 7, Section 9. Taxation for schools.**

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

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

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

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