

By Commissioner Mills

1                                   A proposal to revise  
2       ARTICLE IX, s. 1, Fla. Const.; providing for a  
3       fundamental right to an adequate system of  
4       public education; defining the term "adequate  
5       provision" as applicable to the system of  
6       public education.

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8   It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission  
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11           Section 1. Section 1 of Article IX of the Florida  
12   Constitution is amended by revising that section to read:

13                                   ARTICLE IX  
14                                   EDUCATION

15           SECTION 1. System of public education.--

16           (a) Residents of this state have a fundamental right  
17   to an adequate system of public education.Adequate provision  
18   shall be made by law for a uniform system of free public  
19   schools and for the establishment, maintenance and operation  
20   of institutions of higher learning and other public education  
21   programs that the needs of the people may require.

22           (b) As used in this section, the term "adequate  
23   provision" means the provision of financial resources to  
24   achieve a thorough, efficient, high-quality, safe, and secure  
25   system of public education for all public schools and access  
26   to public institutions of higher learning or education. This  
27   section shall be self-executing.

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