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1 Resolution of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission
2 A resolution proposing the creation of Section 8 of
3 Article IX of the State Constitution to provide for the
4 creation of a Commission on Adequacy of School Funding to
5 examine whether the state is satisfying its obligation to
6 provide for a high-quality public education system.
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8 Be It Resolved by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission:
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10 That the following creation of Section 8 of Article IX of
11 the State Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to
12 the electors of this state for approval or rejection at the next
13 general election or at an earlier special election specifically
14 authorized by law for that purpose:

15 ARTICLE IX

16 EDUCATION

17 SECTION 8. Commission on adequacy of school funding.--

18 (a) The commission on adequacy of school funding shall
19 convene within 60 days of the completion of the 2010 regular
20 session of the legislature and at 7-year intervals thereafter.
21 The commission shall be composed of the following members: five
22 members selected by the governor, 4 members selected by the
23 president of the senate, and 4 members selected by the speaker
24 of the house of representatives. One of the members appointed by
25 each appointing power must be a parent of a child enrolled in
26 the public school system. The parent members must be individuals
27 who have not had significant prior relationships with or
28 connections to individuals or entities involved in the education
29 system.

30 (b) (1) The commission shall examine whether the state has
31 satisfied its obligation to adequately provide for a uniform,
32 efficient, safe, secure, and high-quality system of free public
33 schools that allows students to obtain a high-quality education.

34 (2) The commission shall be responsible for identifying
35 the factors contributing to the constitutionally mandated public
36 school system. The factors may include, but are not limited to,
37 teachers, supplies, and curriculum.

38 (3)a. The commission shall determine the appropriate
39 funding level by costing-out the inputs necessary for the high-
40 quality system of free public schools mandated by section 1 of
41 this article; and

42 b. The cost of the inputs shall be determined by
43 consultations with experts who have experience in high-quality
44 schools; identification of spending by highly successful
45 schools; and an analysis of data on education expenditures and
46 student characteristics.

47 (4) The commission shall also identify unnecessary or
48 wasteful spending practices and recommend more effective use of
49 existing funds.

50 (c) The commission shall deliver a report of its findings
51 and recommendations to the governor, president of the senate,
52 and speaker of the house of representatives within two years of
53 the date it convenes.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be
59 placed on the ballot:

60 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

61 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 8

62 COMMISSION ON ADEQUACY OF SCHOOL FUNDING.--This proposed
63 amendment to the State Constitution provides for the creation of
64 a Commission on Adequacy of School Funding every seven years.
65 The Commission will examine whether the state is fulfilling its
66 obligation to provide for a high-quality system of public
67 schools, identify the cost of providing for schools, and
68 identify unnecessary education spending and recommend more
69 effective uses for existing funds.