

1 Resolution of the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission  
2 A resolution proposing the creation of Section 8 of  
3 Article IX and the creation of a new section in Article  
4 XII of the State Constitution to require a minimum level  
5 of funding for the public education system from the  
6 General Revenue Fund and to provide for certain gambling  
7 revenues to supplement education funding from the General  
8 Revenue Fund.

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10 Be It Resolved by the Taxation and Budget Reform Commission:

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12 That the following creation of Section 8 of Article IX and  
13 the creation of a new section in Article XII of the State  
14 Constitution is agreed to and shall be submitted to the electors  
15 of this state for approval or rejection at the next general  
16 election or at an earlier special election specifically  
17 authorized by law for that purpose:

18 ARTICLE IX

19 EDUCATION

20 SECTION 8. Minimum funding for the public education  
21 system; use of gambling revenues.--At every level of the Florida  
22 public education system including prekindergarten, kindergarten  
23 through grade 12, community college, undergraduate, and  
24 graduate, per student funding from the general revenue fund  
25 shall be at least equal to that of the national average for such  
26 education levels. All state revenue from the lottery authorized  
27 by Section 15 of Article X, less its operating costs, and slot  
28 machines authorized by Section 23 of Article X, less regulatory  
29 costs, and any other state gambling revenues, less regulatory

30 costs, shall be in addition to the general revenue funding  
 31 necessary to fund the levels of the Florida public education  
 32 system at the national average of such education levels.

33 ARTICLE XII

34 SCHEDULE

35 Minimum funding for the public education system; use of  
 36 gambling revenues.--The amendment to Article IX requiring  
 37 funding of the public education system from the general revenue  
 38 fund in an amount at least equal to the national average funding  
 39 per student and requiring certain gambling revenues to  
 40 supplement that funding, and this section, shall first apply to  
 41 school years commencing in state fiscal year 2012-2013.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following statement be  
 43 placed on the ballot:

44 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

45 ARTICLE IX, SECTION 8

46 ARTICLE XII

47 MINIMUM FUNDING OF THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM AND USE OF  
 48 GAMBLING REVENUES.--Under this proposed amendment to the State  
 49 Constitution, state funding of prekindergarten, kindergarten  
 50 through grade 12, community college, undergraduate, and graduate  
 51 levels of the public education system must be funded from the  
 52 General Revenue Fund in an amount at least equal to the national  
 53 average funding per student. This amendment also requires  
 54 certain state gambling revenues to supplement the General  
 55 Revenue funds.