

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION J

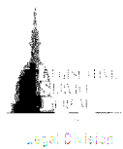
May 24, 2019, Introduced by Reps. Camilleri, Wittenberg, Manoogian, Pagan, Stone, Sowerby, Kennedy, Koleszar, Brixie, Brenda Carter, Hope, Gay-Dagnogo, Hoadley and Sabo and referred to the Committee on Education.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 2 of article VIII, to recognize education and access to literacy as fundamental human rights.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to recognize education and access to literacy as fundamental human rights, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

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ARTICLE VIII



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1           Sec. 2. The legislature shall maintain and support a system of  
2 free public elementary and secondary schools ~~as defined by law.~~  
3 **that is premised on a recognition of full and equitable**  
4 **opportunities for education and access to literacy as fundamental**  
5 **human rights essential to the exercise of all other human rights.**  
6 Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils  
7 without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or  
8 national origin.

9           No public monies or property shall be appropriated or paid or  
10 any public credit utilized, by the legislature or any other  
11 political subdivision or agency of the state directly or indirectly  
12 to aid or maintain any private, denominational or other nonpublic,  
13 pre-elementary, elementary, or secondary school. No payment,  
14 credit, tax benefit, exemption or deductions, tuition voucher,  
15 subsidy, grant or loan of public monies or property shall be  
16 provided, directly or indirectly, to support the attendance of any  
17 student or the employment of any person at any such nonpublic  
18 school or at any location or institution where instruction is  
19 offered in whole or in part to such nonpublic school students. The  
20 legislature may provide for the transportation of students to and  
21 from any school.

22           Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be  
23 submitted to the people of the state at the next general election  
24 in the manner provided by law.

