

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION M

April 27, 2011, Introduced by Senators WHITMER, GREGORY, BIEDA, HUNTER, ANDERSON, HOOD, SMITH, WARREN, JOHNSON, HOPGOOD, YOUNG and GLEASON and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 11 of article IX, to revise the permissible uses of the state school aid fund.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to revise the permissible uses of the state school aid fund, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE IX

Sec. 11. There shall be established a state school aid fund which shall be used exclusively for aid to school districts, ~~higher education, and school employees' retirement systems,~~ as provided by law. Sixty percent of all taxes imposed at a rate of 4% on

1 retailers on taxable sales at retail of tangible personal property,
2 100% of the proceeds of the sales and use taxes imposed at the
3 additional rate of 2% provided for in section 8 of this article,
4 and other tax revenues provided by law, shall be dedicated to this
5 fund. Payments from this fund shall be made in full on a scheduled
6 basis, as provided by law. Beginning in the 1995-96 state fiscal
7 year and each state fiscal year after 1995-96, the state shall
8 guarantee that the total state and local per pupil revenue for
9 school operating purposes for each local school district shall not
10 be less than the 1994-95 total state and local per pupil revenue
11 for school operating purposes for that local school district, as
12 adjusted for consolidations, annexations, or other boundary
13 changes. However, this guarantee does not apply in a year in which
14 the local school district levies a millage rate for school district
15 operating purposes less than it levied in 1994.

16 Resolved further, That the foregoing amendment shall be
17 submitted to the people of the state at a special election to be
18 held at the same time as the 2011 August regular election in the
19 manner provided by law.