

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

Educational freedom-constitutional amendment.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Romero-Martinez, Burt,
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A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing to amend the Wyoming
2 Constitution to authorize the legislature to appropriate
3 funds to reimburse students for the costs of education
4 received outside of public schools.

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6 *BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING,*
7 *two-thirds of all the members of the two houses, voting*
8 *separately, concurring therein:*

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10 **Section 1.** The following proposal to amend Wyoming
11 Constitution, Article 3, Section 36 is proposed for
12 submission to the electors of the State of Wyoming at the
13 next general election for approval or rejection to become
14 valid as a part of the Constitution if ratified by a majority
15 of the electors at the election:

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2 **Article 3, Section 36. Prohibited appropriations;**
3 **education choice.**

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5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no
6 appropriation shall be made for charitable, industrial,
7 educational or benevolent purposes to any person, corporation
8 or community not under the absolute control of the state, nor
9 to any denominational or sectarian institution or
10 association.

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12 (b) Nothing in this section or any other provision of
13 this constitution shall prohibit an appropriation to
14 reimburse youth of the state, between the ages of six (6) and
15 twenty-one (21) years, for the costs of receiving an education
16 of their choice in Wyoming instead of attending public school.
17 This subsection shall not apply to the appropriation of school
18 funds. Nothing in this subsection shall require the
19 legislature to offer or provide reimbursement for costs of
20 education outside of a public school. If reimbursement is
21 provided by the legislature for costs of education under this
22 section, the reimbursement shall not exceed the cost that the
23 state would have incurred if the child had attended public

school and no reimbursement shall be provided if the child is not eligible to attend public school. This subsection shall not authorize the reimbursement of any expenses for education costs that are provided outside of Wyoming or for education that is provided outside of grades kindergarten through grade twelve (12).

Section 2. That the Secretary of State shall endorse the following statement on the proposed amendment:

The adoption of this amendment would authorize, but would not require, the legislature to appropriate funds to reimburse students for the costs of education that is provided outside of public schools. If reimbursement for educational costs is provided, reimbursement would not be authorized for any costs above the costs of public education and would not be authorized for students who are not eligible to attend public school including students who are receiving education outside of Wyoming or for education outside of grades kindergarten through grade twelve (12).

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