

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION E

January 29, 2015, Introduced by Senators WARREN, HERTEL and HOOD and referred to the Committee on Government Operations.

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the state constitution of 1963, by amending section 2 of article VIII, to prohibit public schools from being operated on a for-profit basis or by a for-profit entity.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the state of Michigan, That the following amendment to the state constitution of 1963, to prohibit public schools from being operated on a for-profit basis or by a for-profit entity, is proposed, agreed to, and submitted to the people of the state:

ARTICLE VIII

Sec. 2. The legislature shall maintain and support a system of

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1 free public elementary and secondary schools as defined by law.
2 Every school district shall provide for the education of its pupils
3 without discrimination as to religion, creed, race, color or
4 national origin. **A PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL NOT BE OPERATED ON A FOR-
5 PROFIT BASIS BY ITS GOVERNING BODY. THE GOVERNING BODY OF A PUBLIC
6 SCHOOL SHALL NOT CONTRACT WITH ANY ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY TO
7 PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, MANAGEMENT, OR
8 INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES OR STAFF FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOL UNLESS THAT
9 ORGANIZATION OR ENTITY IS OPERATED ON A NONPROFIT BASIS.**

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

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