
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8412

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By Senators Gaspard, Snyder, Bauer and Talmadge.

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1 WHEREAS, The children of the State of Washington are entitled to a
2 quality education under the Washington Constitution; and

3 WHEREAS, There is an education crisis in our state as a result of
4 chronic underfunding of our public school system; and

5 WHEREAS, Many school districts, as a consequence of this crisis,
6 are experiencing strikes by certificated employees; and

7 WHEREAS, The education of the state's children in those districts
8 and districts throughout the state is adversely affected by this crisis
9 and these strikes; and

10 WHEREAS, The crisis and resulting strike are disrupting the lives
11 of students and their parents; and

12 WHEREAS, The responsibility of the state is to ensure that a
13 quality education is available to all children; and

14 WHEREAS, There is a need for a process to address deficiencies in
15 education funding because the state has failed to fully fund basic
16 education as required by the Washington Constitution;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
2 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the
3 legislature urges teachers to return to work as quickly as possible for
4 the good of the students and the future of our school system; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legislature, upon termination of
6 the strike, shall immediately convene an education summit composed of
7 one representative from each legislative caucus, the Governor or his
8 designee, the Superintendent of Public Instruction or her designee, and
9 one representative, approved jointly by the President of the Senate and
10 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from the certificated
11 employees' state-wide organization, school administrators, parent-
12 teacher association, and the business community; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the summit shall be chaired by the
14 Governor or his designee, and shall address issues pertaining to the
15 immediate and long-term needs of basic education; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That these issues shall include, but not be
17 limited to, class size reductions, supplemental local funding options,
18 long-range state financing alternatives, differential salary
19 possibilities for the diverse areas of the state, and capital needs for
20 the public schools; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the summit report its findings to the
22 public and the legislature by December 1, 1991.