

House Concurrent Resolution No. 67

98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HUBRECHT.

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1 **WHEREAS**, maintenance-of-effort requirements may disrupt efforts of states to use new
2 federal funds when they face difficult decisions about how to fund all state programs; and
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4 **WHEREAS**, federal involvement in early childhood education is most effective when
5 it respects state constitutions and preserves state flexibility and authority over the administration
6 and evaluation of the programs and the populations served by the programs; and
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8 **WHEREAS**, federal involvement in education is beneficial when it does not curtail the
9 ability of local school boards to make educational decisions; and
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11 **WHEREAS**, federal efforts to support early childhood education are not effective when
12 they constitute unfunded mandates; and
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14 **WHEREAS**, allowing states to use the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title
15 I funds to support early childhood education and professional development for early educators
16 would improve children's educational outcomes; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, federal efforts in early childhood education are effective when they support
19 early learning grants that encourage the development of statewide infrastructures of integrated
20 early learning supports and services; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, federal efforts in early childhood education are especially effective when
23 they support programs with high parental involvement that serve children from birth through age
24 five; and
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26 **WHEREAS**, federal efforts in education are also valuable when they support programs
27 that teach parenting skills and encourage high parental involvement throughout children's
28 educational careers; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, expanding early childhood education programs and services may require
31 closer partnerships between state and federal officials; and

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33 **WHEREAS**, children would benefit by states having the opportunity to provide
34 assistance to a range of early learning programs and the opportunity to support initiatives to train
35 and adequately compensate early learning providers; and

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37 **WHEREAS**, expansion of quality early childhood education programs could occur more
38 quickly if states were allowed to supplement existing programs that are already improving
39 children's early learning; and

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41 **WHEREAS**, ensuring state legislative authority to appropriate funds from any pool of
42 federal funds for early learning programs would lead to more efficient use of the funds; and

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44 **WHEREAS**, using state-selected administrative structures for any pool of federal funds
45 for early learning programs would facilitate partnerships between state and federal officials
46 working to expand early childhood education programs; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, including state legislators in all aspects of early learning programs,
49 including advisory panels, would lead to closer partnerships between federal and state officials;

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52 **WHEREAS**, states could achieve better outcomes for children if given the opportunity
53 to match federal funds with existing resources including, but not limited to, state funds, local
54 funds, private funds, and in-kind contributions; and

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56 **WHEREAS**, giving states flexibility to meet the need for early learning programs and
57 allowing eligibility requirements to be set at the state level would encourage greater state
58 involvement in early childhood education and ultimately benefit children:

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60 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
61 Representatives of the Ninety-eighth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate
62 concurring therein, hereby encourage the Congress of the United States to consider current state
63 fiscal conditions and give states flexibility in their use of federal funds to support early childhood
64 education; and

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66 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
67 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for each
68 member of the Missouri Congressional delegation.

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