

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5015

By Committee on Taxation

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States Department
2 of Education to distribute certain federal moneys for education in the
3 form of block grants to the state.
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5 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education controls the
6 distribution of billions of dollars in federal public education funding;
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8 WHEREAS, While some federal funding, such as funding provided under
9 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and Title I of the
10 Elementary and Secondary Education Act, is provided to the State
11 Department of Education for direct distribution to school districts as
12 pass-through funding for public education, substantial amounts of
13 federal funding for public education are distributed to the states in
14 other forms, such as grants, that require states and school districts to
15 comply with numerous federal requirements as a condition for
16 receiving such funds; and

17 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Education is shifting the
18 governance of public education back to the states; and

19 WHEREAS, Federal regulation of public education should be diminished
20 in favor of more oversight by state governments; and

21 WHEREAS, The use of block grants for federal funds for public
22 education would allow the State of Kansas the better use of such funds
23 for the improvement of education in the state by directing such
24 moneys to those areas of education where it can be most useful: Now,
25 therefore,

26 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas, the*
27 *Senate concurring therein:* That the Legislature urges the United
28 States Department of Education to continue to distribute federal
29 funding that is distributed to the states as pass-through funding, such
30 as funding provided under the Individuals with Disabilities Education
31 Act and Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act; and

32 *Be if further resolved:* That the Legislature urges the United States
33 Department of Education to distribute all other forms of federal
34 funding in the form of a block grant of federal moneys to the State of
35 Kansas without any requirements regarding the use of such funds; and

36 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State shall send an enrolled

1 copy of this resolution to President Donald J. Trump, United States
2 Secretary of Education, Linda McMahon, and the members of the
3 Kansas congressional delegation.
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