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**HOUSE  
RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

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*Introduced by: Cook*

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of the consolidation of current school funds with taxing authority for additional efficiency and transparency.

*Whereas, The consolidation of current school funds with taxing authority to create additional efficiencies and transparency has not been studied for several years;*

*Whereas, The consolidation of current school funds with taxing authority into an education fund, operation fund, and debt service fund should be reviewed, including the composition and funding sources for each new fund;*

*Whereas, The consolidation of current school funds with*

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*taxing authority would provide additional understanding of school funding; and*

*Whereas, The consolidation of current school funds with taxing authority would provide more transparency for all parties regarding the functions of school funds: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the  
2 appropriate study committee the topic of the consolidation of current  
3 school funds with taxing authority for additional efficiency and  
4 transparency.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the committee shall study the following topics:  
6 (A) The consolidation of the current school funds with taxing  
7 authority into an education fund, operating fund and debt service  
8 fund. The composition of each fund and the funding sources for  
9 each fund shall be studied. The impact of property tax caps will  
10 be reviewed.
- 11 (B) The potential of transferring monies between the current  
12 school funds with taxing authority to assist with the funding for  
13 recruiting and retaining teachers. The process to assure  
14 transparency will be reviewed.
- 15 SECTION 3. That if the topics are assigned to a study committee,  
16 the study committee shall issue a final report to the legislative council  
17 containing the study committee's findings and recommendations,  
18 including any recommended legislation, in an electronic format under  
19 IC 5-14-6 not later than November 1, 2016.

