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H. J. R. No. 15

Representatives Fedor, West

**Cosponsors: Representatives Antonio, Boggs, Smith, K., Kelly, Lepore-Hagan,
Ramos**



A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to enact Section 7 of Article VI of the 1
Constitution of the State of Ohio to require a 2
universal preschool education program that is free and 3
available to any four- or five-year-old child who 4
resides in the state. 5

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the State of 6
Ohio, three-fifths of the members elected to each house 7
concurring herein, that there shall be submitted to the electors 8
of the state, in the manner prescribed by law at the general 9
election to be held on November 6, 2018, a proposal to enact 10
Section 7 of Article VI of the Constitution of the State of Ohio 11
to read as follows: 12

ARTICLE VI 13

Section 7. (A) (1) Not later than the 2019-2020 school 14
year, the General Assembly shall provide for the establishment 15
of a free public preschool education program that is open to all 16
children of preschool age in the State of Ohio. The program 17
shall be an organized program that addresses and enhances each 18

child's ability to make age appropriate progress in an age 19
appropriate range of settings. 20

(2) The program shall be made available to any child who 21
is four or five years of age, who resides in the state, and who 22
has not yet enrolled in a kindergarten education program. 23
Participation in the program shall be voluntary. 24

(3) The program shall be established according to high 25
quality standards and delivered according to professionally 26
accepted standards. 27

(4) The program shall be free of charge to all eligible 28
participants. 29

(B) The General Assembly shall appropriate funds for the 30
preschool education program as it determines necessary to 31
establish and administer the program in compliance with this 32
section but without using any funds from existing education, 33
health, and development programs in existence prior to the 2019- 34
2020 school year. 35

(C) Not later than ninety days after the adoption of this 36
section, the General Assembly shall enact legislation necessary 37
to carry out the provisions of this section. 38

EFFECTIVE DATE 39

If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on the 40
proposal, Section 7 of Article VI of the Constitution of the 41
State of Ohio, as enacted by this proposal, shall take effect 42
immediately. 43