SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36

WHEREAS, the Joint Interim Committee on Education Funding created by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26 enacted in the First Regular Session of the Ninety-first General Assembly ceased to exist on January 15, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Interim Committee on Education Funding was charged with an in-depth review of education finance in this state; and

WHEREAS, by its very nature, education funding is a complex subject that has many interlocking elements that are seldom understood in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, with the best efforts of the Joint Interim Committee on Education Funding, the foundation for further study has been created, but in-depth study will require more time; and

WHEREAS, institutional knowledge of the issues involved in education funding is dwindling, making an in-depth study even more difficult as time passes:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Senate of the Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the Joint Interim Committee on Education Funding be reconstituted with substantially the same membership in a timely fashion so that the in-depth study contemplated in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26 enacted in the First Regular Session of the Ninety-first General Assembly may continue and be completed in time to present a thoughtful study and recommendations for future action to the members of the Ninety-second General Assembly so that the constitutional requirement that designates education as the state's first priority in public policy may continue to be fulfilled.

