

## **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22**

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution reserves powers not delegated to the federal government to the states, and education is not enumerated as a responsibility of the federal government; and

Whereas, the U.S. Department of Education's creation in 1980 has led to significant federal overreach in education through burdensome regulations and one-size-fits-all mandates; and

Whereas, despite an annual budget of \$60 billion and another \$276 billion in one-time spending for COVID-19 recovery efforts, 4th and 8th grade reading scores remain roughly unchanged since the early 1990s when national measurements first began; and

Whereas, states and local communities possess unique knowledge of their students' educational needs and are best positioned to develop the curriculum and policies that reflect their values and priorities; and

Whereas, President Trump has publicly expressed a desire to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education and rightfully put the states back in charge of education; and

Whereas, the elimination of the U.S. Department of Education is not only a constitutional necessity, but will also cause taxpayer dollars to be spent more efficiently and lead to better outcomes:

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the members of the Missouri Senate of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby support federal efforts to eliminate the U.S. Department of Education and urges the

United States Congress to fully cooperate with these efforts; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Secretary of the Missouri Senate be instructed to prepare properly inscribed copies of this resolution for each member of Missouri's Congressional delegation.