

# State of South Dakota

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SENATE EDUCATION

ENGROSSED NO. **HCR 1006** - 3/5/2019

Introduced by: Representatives Howard, Beal, Brunner, Dennert, Frye-Mueller, Glanzer, Goodwin, Gross, Jensen (Kevin), Johnson (Chris), Latterell, Livermont, Marty, Mills, Miskimins, Mulally, Otten (Herman), Pischke, Qualm, Randolph, Rasmussen, Steele, Weis, and Willadsen and Senators Nelson, Blare, Bolin, DiSanto, Greenfield (Brock), Jensen (Phil), Maher, Russell, Stalzer, Steinhauer, and Sutton

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Instructing South Dakota's congressional representatives  
2 to support an effort in Congress to terminate the U.S. Department of Education.

3 WHEREAS, neither the Congress nor the President, through his appointees, has the  
4 authority under the United States Constitution to dictate how and what children must learn in  
5 school; and

6 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education was established in 1979 as a political move  
7 to assist in the re-election bid of James Earl Carter, Jr.; and

8 WHEREAS, the Republican Party takes a position against federal involvement in education,  
9 stating in their platform: "The federal government should not be a partner in that effort, as the  
10 Constitution gives it no role in education," and further rejects "...the dark view of the individual  
11 as human capital - a possession for the creation of another's wealth"; and

12 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education employs over four thousand five hundred



1 bureaucrats whose salaries average one hundred five thousand dollars per year; and

2 WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education exercises dictatorial control over state and  
3 local schools through controversial, expensive, and experimental education schemes, such as  
4 No Child Left Behind, Race to the Top, the Common Core Standards and the recent Every  
5 Student Succeeds Act; and

6 WHEREAS, the intellectual and moral development of South Dakota children should not  
7 be determined by unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C.; and

8 WHEREAS, states and local communities are best positioned to design curricula that meet  
9 the needs of local students; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Mike Rounds spoke against the necessity of the federal Department  
11 of Education during his 2014 campaign:

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-  
13 Fourth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the United  
14 States Congress pass H.R.899, as introduced by Congressman Thomas Massie of Kentucky's  
15 Fourth Congressional District in the 116th Congress; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be formally transmitted to the  
17 speaker and clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the president pro tempore  
18 and the secretary of the United States Senate, and to the members of the South Dakota  
19 congressional delegation.