

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1616

By Committee on Ways and Means

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9 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Kansas school districts to use
10 carefully the federal stimulus funds received under the Federal Amer-
11 ican Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and to use other available
12 funds to establish or to increase the balances in contingency reserve
13 funds of districts.

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15 WHEREAS, The Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
16 of 2009 will provide over \$1.7 billion in federal economic stimulus funds
17 to the state of Kansas; and

18 WHEREAS, The funds are designed to stimulate the economy in the
19 short term and for investment in education and other essential public
20 services to ensure the long-term economic health of our nation; and

21 WHEREAS, The State of Kansas will receive over \$875 million in
22 federal economic stimulus funds under the Federal American Recovery
23 and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for educational purposes; and

24 WHEREAS, Approximately \$600 million of the federal economic stim-
25 ulus funds under the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
26 of 2009 will be expended for primary and secondary education in the
27 state of Kansas; and

28 WHEREAS, The projected State General Fund receipts for the state
29 of Kansas forecast significant shortfalls in the balances of the State Gen-
30 eral Fund, perhaps, by some projections as high as 23% in Fiscal Year
31 2012; and

32 WHEREAS, The Secretary of the United States Department of Edu-
33 cation, Arne Duncan, has cautioned state and school district officials that
34 federal economic stimulus funds received under the Federal American
35 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 are provided on a one-time basis
36 and that state and school district officials need to find the best way to
37 stretch every dollar and not to spend such funds to finance on-going
38 programs; and

39 WHEREAS, School districts should take steps to be prepared for the
40 possibility that unless the state and national economy markedly improves,
41 in Fiscal Year 2012 the State General Fund could face a potential shortfall
42 of huge proportions resulting in the reduction of appropriation of state
43 moneys for school districts: Now, therefore,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Rep-*
2 *resentatives concurring therein:* That we encourage school districts to
3 utilize carefully one-time federal economic stimulus funds received under
4 the Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and not
5 to finance on-going programs with such funds; and
6 *Be it further resolved:* That we encourage the school districts to be
7 responsible stewards of the school funds and to establish or increase the
8 balances in contingency reserve funds of districts with other available
9 funds in order to be prepared for the projected shortfall in state moneys
10 in Fiscal Year 2012; and
11 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State be directed to provide
12 an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Commissioner of Education
13 who shall provide copies to the chairperson of the board of education of
14 each school district and the superintendent of each school district.