

House Resolution 1299

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A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for dissolving the United States Department of Education and restoring
2 educational authority to the states; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Constitution establishes a federal system that reserves those
4 powers not delegated to the federal government to the states and the people; and

5 WHEREAS, education is not a power delegated to the federal government and has
6 historically been governed by states and local communities accountable to families; and

7 WHEREAS, the creation of the United States Department of Education expanded federal
8 involvement in education significantly, while academic achievement stagnated or declined;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, national assessments and polling show troubling trends in student reading and
11 math performance, as well as a lack of basic civic knowledge; and

12 WHEREAS, decades of increased federal spending and regulation have not improved
13 outcomes for students, but have imposed burdens on states and their schools; and

14 WHEREAS, federal control has created administrative bloat and bureaucracy that diverts
15 resources away from classrooms and students; and

16 WHEREAS, states are the drivers of innovation in education, leading effective education
17 reforms that expand choice and improve outcomes; and

18 WHEREAS, governors, state legislators, and local officials are directly accountable to
19 parents and taxpayers for their decisions regarding education, providing clearer responsibility
20 and responsiveness than unelected federal bureaucrats; and

21 WHEREAS, prioritizing the needs of students and families requires placing decision-making
22 authority with those closest to the classroom; and

23 WHEREAS, Secretary McMahon has initiated significant organizational restructuring by
24 reducing the United States Department of Education's workforce without adversely affecting
25 educational services.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
27 the members of this body affirm its responsibility to lead on education in a manner consistent
28 with the United States Constitution and the principles of federalism; support efforts to
29 dismantle the United States Department of Education, returning authority over education
30 back to the states; and encourage shifting core responsibilities of the United States
31 Department of Education to other agencies, in both state and federal governments, that are
32 better suited to execute them.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body express their resolve to seek
34 every opportunity, in cooperation with other federal agencies, to regain control of
35 kindergarten through grade 12 schools in this state.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 Governor of Georgia, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
39 and the chairpersons of the appropriate House and Senate committees for consideration
40 during the 2026 legislative session.