

House Resolution 1789

By: Representatives Wade of the 9th, Kelley of the 16th, Momtahan of the 17th, Clifton of the 131st, and Martinez of the 111th

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; and

26 WHEREAS, the federal government is taking steps to transfer education programs that are
27 currently run by the United States Department of Education to other federal agencies that
28 already manage related services, such as the transfer of certain grant programs to the United
29 States Department of Labor, special education and student welfare programs to the United
30 States Department of Health and Human Services, and federal student loans to the federal
31 Small Business Administration; and

32 WHEREAS, approximately \$15 billion in federal funding for the Individuals with
33 Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) is provided to states annually to help cover special
34 education costs; and

35 WHEREAS, the federal government intends to maintain or increase the funding stream for
36 students with disabilities, while moving the oversight for programs serving such students to
37 another federal agency; and

38 WHEREAS, the dismantling of the United States Department of Education will not directly
39 eliminate school meal funding because school nutrition programs are already primarily
40 operated through the United States Department of Agriculture, including the National School
41 Lunch Program, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, and the Whole Milk for Health
42 Kids Act of 2025; and

43 WHEREAS, the federal government is pursuing interagency agreements to move
44 responsibilities out of the United States Department of Education so that services currently
45 provided by the department are not eliminated.

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
47 the members of this body affirm its responsibility to lead on education in a manner consistent
48 with the United States Constitution and the principles of federalism; support efforts to
49 dismantle the United States Department of Education, returning authority over education
50 back to the states; encourage the reorganization of federal education programs into different
51 agencies, with no reduction in funding for such programs; and encourage shifting core
52 responsibilities of the United States Department of Education to other agencies, in both state
53 and federal governments, that are better suited to execute them.

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

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
58 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
59 Governor of Georgia, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
60 and the chairpersons of the appropriate House and Senate committees for consideration
61 during the 2026 legislative session.