

**SENATE**  
**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**EIGHTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE** **S.F. No. 963**

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1.1 A resolution

1.2 memorializing the Congress of the United States not to reauthorize the No Child

1.3 Left Behind Act.

1.4 WHEREAS, although the intent is worthy, the No Child Left Behind Act represents a

1.5 wrongful and unacceptable federal intrusion into state and local control of education, which

1.6 violates time-honored American principles of balanced federalism and respect for state and

1.7 local prerogatives; and

1.8 WHEREAS, the No Child Left Behind Act coerces participation by placing punitive

1.9 financial consequences on states who might choose not to participate; and

1.10 WHEREAS, the No Child Left Behind Act is an unfunded mandate causing states and

1.11 school districts to spend more money to implement the No Child Left Behind Act than what

1.12 Congress appropriates; and

1.13 WHEREAS, the No Child Left Behind Act is contrary to the Tenth Amendment of the

1.14 United States Constitution, which restricts the powers of the federal government to those so

1.15 delegated by the United States Constitution and reserves powers not delegated to the federal

1.16 government, such as education, to the states and to the people; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the Congress

1.18 of the United States to repeal the No Child Left Behind Act.

1.19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges

1.20 the Congress of the United States to only provide education funding to the states in the form of

1.21 education block grants and for meeting shortfalls under the federal Individuals with Disabilities

1.22 Education Act.

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2.1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is  
2.2 directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President and the Secretary of  
2.3 the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives,  
2.4 the chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, the chair of the  
2.5 House Committee on Education and the Workforce, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives  
2.6 in Congress so that may be apprised of the sense of the Minnesota Legislature in this matter.