

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, article IX, **add** (18) as follows:

Section 1. PURPOSE AND FINDINGS. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A QUALITY EDUCATION; THAT PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN; THAT SCHOOL CHOICE INCLUDES NEIGHBORHOOD, CHARTER, PRIVATE, AND HOME SCHOOLS, OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTIONS, AND FUTURE INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION; AND THAT TAXPAYER FUNDING OF EDUCATION SHOULD BE SPENT EQUALLY FOR EACH CHILD WITHIN A DISTRICT.

Section 2. EACH K-12 CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO SCHOOL CHOICE. PARENTS AND GUARDIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT PER PUPIL FUNDING TO THE SCHOOLING OF THEIR CHOICE.