

House Concurrent Resolution No. 39

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HOUGHTON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

1 **WHEREAS**, local school board members govern the Missouri School Boards'
2 Association; and

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri School Boards' Association provides guidance and support
5 to local school board members; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri School Boards' Association develops policies reflecting best
8 practices for school boards; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, local school boards are most effective when they make decisions based on
11 the needs of their communities; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, a board member of a school district who serves as a superintendent or paid
14 administrator for another school district may make decisions that benefit the community of one
15 of those districts at the expense of the other district; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, a policy developed by the Missouri School Boards' Association reflecting
18 best practices on conflicts of interest for school board members would help local school boards
19 maintain high ethical standards and ensure that communities can trust their local school boards
20 to make decisions for the benefit of their communities; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, the Missouri Association of School Administrators provides guidance and
23 support to school superintendents and administrators; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, superintendents and paid administrators of school districts are most
26 effective when they make decisions based on the needs of their school districts; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, a superintendent or paid administrator of a school district who serves as
29 a board member of another school district may make decisions that benefit the community of one
30 of those districts at the expense of the other district; and

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32 **WHEREAS**, guidance from the Missouri Association of School Administrators on
33 conflicts of interest would help superintendents and paid administrators of school districts
34 maintain high ethical standards and ensure that communities can trust their superintendents and
35 paid administrators to make decisions for the benefit of their communities:

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37 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of
38 Representatives of the Ninety-ninth General Assembly, First Regular Session, the Senate
39 concurring therein, hereby:

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41 (1) Urge the Missouri School Boards' Association to develop a policy on conflicts of
42 interest that states that best practices dictate that a board member of a school district should not
43 serve as a superintendent or paid administrator for another school district; and

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45 (2) Urge the Missouri Association of School Administrators to encourage
46 superintendents and paid administrators of school districts to refrain from serving on school
47 boards in other school districts; and

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49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of
50 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the
51 Missouri School Boards' Association and the Missouri Association of School Administrators.

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