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Representative Miller, J.
Cosponsors: Representatives Ingram, Lepore-Hagan, Lightbody, Miranda, Sobecki, Patterson

A RESOLUTION

Encouraging the Ohio Senate to reconsider its vote to not concur with the House amendments to S.B. 89 and, instead, to vote to concur in those amendments, encouraging the General Assembly to take all necessary actions to enact that legislation, and encouraging the Governor to promptly sign and file that act with the Secretary of State.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

WHEREAS, Due to the extraordinary circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is imperative that the General Assembly enact legislation that assists the school districts of this state; and

WHEREAS, S.B. 89 of the 133rd General Assembly, as passed by the Ohio House of Representatives on February 5, 2020, makes changes to the eligibility criteria and operation of the Educational Choice Scholarship Program and the expansion of that program; and

WHEREAS, Changes to the Educational Choice Scholarship

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Program prior to the opening of the application period for scholarships for the 2020-2021 school year on April 1, 2020, are necessary to allow for school districts in this state to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, A failure to make changes to the Educational Choice Scholarship Program will continue to take money and resources from public schools that are in dire need of financial assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, S.B. 89 of the 133rd General Assembly, as passed by the Ohio House of Representatives on February 5, 2020, also restores local control for school districts by putting an end to Academic Distress Commissions, thereby allowing for healing to take place in those districts; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of S.B. 89 as passed by the Ohio House of Representatives on February 5, 2020, support public education in this state and would permit all school districts to start the 2020-2021 school year on a positive note; and

WHEREAS, It is time for the General Assembly to finally take action and help the schools districts of this state; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Ohio House of Representatives encourages the Ohio Senate to reconsider its vote on February 12, 2020, not to concur with the House amendments to S.B. 89 and, instead, to vote to concur with those amendments; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Ohio House of Representatives encourages the General Assembly to take all necessary actions to cancel the proposed conference committee for S.B. 89, which the House requested on February 12, 2020, and to enact that legislation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Ohio House of Representatives encourages the Governor, upon receipt of the act, to promptly sign it and
file it with the Secretary of State; and be it further

    RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the
Governor, the President of the Senate, and the news media of
Ohio.