

**R030-0708**

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001**

20 **WHEREAS:** The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) was passed to supposedly insure  
30 accountability and improvement of public schools in the United States;  
40 and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Under NCLB, funding for public schools is based on a report card that  
60 they receive each year entailing the results of test scores of students at the  
70 school; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** In order to achieve the assessment goals, the act encourages states to  
90 lower their academic standards; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** The constant tests in almost every subject and every grade forces  
110 teachers to “teach the test” as quickly as possible to get through the  
120 whole curriculum, instead of exploring different educational activities  
130 and taking the time to focus on areas in which the students are  
140 struggling; and,

150 **WHEREAS:** The National Education Association expresses concerns with NCLB  
160 because it was developed solely by bureaucrats and politicians instead of  
170 including the input of teachers and educational professionals; and,

180 **WHEREAS:** A growing list of organizations across the country are calling for  
190 legislative changes to the NCLB Act including the American Association  
200 for School Administrators, the America Federation of Teachers, the  
210 National Conference of State Legislatures, and many individual state  
220 educational organizations.

230 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature calls for a  
240 serious review and reconfiguration of the No Child Left Behind Act; and,

250 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this reconfiguration includes plans for more  
260 funding for schools to reduce class size and improve classroom resources,  
270 better financial incentives for higher qualified teachers, and a variety of  
280 measures of student learning instead of simply using standardized tests.

290 **MANDATES:** Martin O’Malley, Governor, State of Maryland  
300 Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor, State of Maryland  
310 Thomas V. Mike Miller, President, Maryland State Senate  
320 Michael E. Busch, Speaker, Maryland House of Delegates

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