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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1030

Sponsors: Representatives Biggs, Potts, K. Hall, and Carver (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Education - K-12, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 22, 2026

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO
2 SUPPORT THE DEVOLUTION OF POWER FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
3 EDUCATION TO THE STATES.

4 Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution reserves powers
5 not delegated to the federal government to the states, and education is not enumerated as a
6 responsibility of the federal government; and

7 Whereas, the United States Department of Education's creation in 1980 has led to
8 significant federal overreach in education through burdensome regulations and one-size-fits-all
9 mandates; and

10 Whereas, despite an annual budget of \$60 billion and another \$276 billion in one-time
11 spending for COVID-19 recovery efforts, 4th and 8th grade reading scores remain roughly
12 unchanged since the early 1990s when national measurements first began; and

13 Whereas, states and local communities possess unique knowledge of their students'
14 educational needs and are best positioned to develop the curriculum and policies that reflect their
15 values and priorities; and

16 Whereas, President Trump has publicly expressed a desire to eliminate the United
17 States Department of Education and rightfully put the states back in charge of education; and

18 Whereas, the elimination of the United States Department of Education is not only a
19 constitutional necessity but will also cause taxpayer dollars to be spent more efficiently and lead
20 to better student outcomes; and

21 Whereas, eliminating the United States Department of Education will not remove
22 federal education funding initiatives and programs available to the states; Now, therefore,

23 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

24 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly of North Carolina supports federal efforts to
25 eliminate the United States Department of Education and urges the United States Congress to
26 fully cooperate with these efforts.

27 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

