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H.J.R. No. 10

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain revenue  
2 from a tax on certain sweetened beverages to training and programs  
3 to improve the health of public school students and to the general  
4 revenue fund.

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Article VIII, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
7 adding Section 7-f to read as follows:

8 Sec. 7-f. (a) If the legislature imposes a tax on certain  
9 sweetened beverages that is separate from or in addition to the tax  
10 imposed on beverages by the general state sales and use tax law, the  
11 net revenue derived from that tax shall be allocated as follows:

12 (1) 40 percent of the net revenue shall be deposited to  
13 the credit of a separate account in the general revenue fund, and  
14 may be appropriated only as provided by Subsection (b) of this  
15 section; and

16 (2) the remainder of the net revenue shall be  
17 deposited to the credit of the general revenue fund.

18 (b) Money deposited to the credit of the account may be  
19 appropriated only to improve the school health environment,  
20 implement and maintain coordinated school health programs in public  
21 elementary and secondary schools, and develop and provide training  
22 to effectively implement and maintain school health programs in  
23 public elementary and secondary schools.

24 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be

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1 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 8, 2011.  
2 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
3 proposition: "The constitutional amendment dedicating revenue  
4 derived from the imposition of a tax on certain sweetened beverages  
5 to training and programs to improve the health of public school  
6 students and to the general revenue fund."