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H.J.R. No. 147

A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the health and  
2 safety of public school students and staff.

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

4 SECTION 1. Article VII, Texas Constitution, is amended by  
5 adding Section 7 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 7. (a) The board of trustees of an independent school  
7 district or the governing body of a charter school is responsible  
8 for decisions regarding the health and safety of the district's or  
9 school's students and staff.

10 (b) The legislature or a state agency may not withhold  
11 funding from an independent school district or charter school  
12 because of a decision made by the board of trustees or governing  
13 body of the district or school to halt in-person learning due to  
14 concerns for the health and safety of students or staff.

15 (c) The legislature may not pass a law that arbitrarily  
16 disregards the health and safety of public school students or  
17 staff.

18 SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be  
19 submitted to the voters at an election to be held November 2, 2021.  
20 The ballot shall be printed to permit voting for or against the  
21 proposition: "The constitutional amendment protecting the health  
22 and safety of public school students and staff."