

2023-2024 #23 - Amended

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In the constitution of the state of Colorado, add article IX, ~~add~~ section 18 to article IX as follows:

Section 18. RIGHT TO SCHOOL CHOICE

(1) PURPOSE AND FINDINGS. THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO ~~HEREBY~~ FIND AND DECLARE THAT ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS A QUALITY EDUCATION; THAT PARENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIRECT THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN; AND THAT SCHOOL CHOICE INCLUDES NEIGHBORHOOD, CHARTER, PRIVATE, AND HOME SCHOOLS, OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTIONS, AND FUTURE INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION.

(2) CHARTER SCHOOL APPROVAL. EVERY K-12 CHILD HAS THE RIGHT TO SCHOOL CHOICE. TO RECOGNIZE THE RIGHT TO SCHOOL CHOICE AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL QUALITY OPTIONS, A NEW CHARTER ~~SCHOOLS~~ SCHOOL MAY APPLY DIRECTLY TO ~~THE~~ A STATEWIDE CHARTER SCHOOL ~~AUTHORIZER(S)~~ AUTHORIZER FOR APPROVAL.