



# OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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## Resolution Analysis

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### H.J.R. 15

132nd General Assembly  
(As Introduced)

**Reps.** Fedor and West, Antonio, Boggs, K. Smith, Kelly, Lepore-Hagan, Ramos

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### RESOLUTION SUMMARY

- Proposes the enactment of a new section of the Ohio Constitution that requires the General Assembly to establish free universal public preschool.
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### CONTENT AND OPERATION

The joint resolution proposes enacting a section of the Ohio Constitution to require the General Assembly to provide for the establishment of a free public preschool education open to all preschool aged students in the state.

#### Universal preschool

Under the resolution, the General Assembly must provide for a universal preschool program that "addresses and enhances each child's ability to make age appropriate progress in an age appropriate range of settings" to be implemented by the 2019-2020 school year. The program must "be established according to high quality standards and delivered according to professionally accepted standards." The program is free and open to any four- or five-year old who lives in the state and is not already enrolled in kindergarten. Participation in the program is voluntary.<sup>1</sup>

Under the resolution, the General Assembly must appropriate funds to establish and administer the preschool program, but cannot use funds from education, health, or development programs in existence prior to the 2019-2020 school year.<sup>2</sup> The resolution

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<sup>1</sup> Ohio Const., Article VI, Sec. 7(A).

<sup>2</sup> Ohio Const., Article VI, Sec. 7(B).

also requires the General Assembly to enact legislation necessary to establish and fund the program within 90 days of the enactment of the constitutional provision.<sup>3</sup>

### **Effective date**

The resolution specifies that the proposal is to appear on the ballot on November 6, 2018. (The resolution would need to be amended to place the proposal on the ballot at a future election.) If adopted by a majority of electors voting on it, the proposal takes effect immediately.

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## **HISTORY**

<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Introduced	05-01-18

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<sup>3</sup> Ohio Const., Article VI, Sec. 7(C).

