A proposal to revise
ARTICLE IX, s. 1, Fla. Const.; requiring that public education be adequately funded in each fiscal year; defining such adequate funding as an annual appropriation for public education which is at least 40 percent of total appropriations under Article III, not including lottery proceeds or federal funds; providing that the minimum percentage is based on the percentage appropriated for public education from total appropriations in the 1986-1987 fiscal year.

It is proposed by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission that:

Section 1. Section 1 of Article IX of the Florida Constitution is revised by amending that section to read:

ARTICLE IX
EDUCATION

SECTION 1. System of public education.—
(a) Adequate provision shall be made by law for a uniform system of free public schools and for the establishment, maintenance and operation of institutions of higher learning and other public education programs that the needs of the people may require.

(b) Adequate provision for funding public education shall be required in each fiscal year, and is defined as the appropriation of at least a minimum percentage of 40 percent for public education from the total appropriations under Article III in each fiscal year, not including lottery

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proceeds or federal funds. The minimum percentage of 40 percent is based on the percentage appropriated for public education from total appropriations in the 1986-1987 fiscal year, not including federal funds, and prior to the appropriation of proceeds from Florida lotteries.

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