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Subject: Equal educational opportunity

PROPOSAL 13

Sec. 1. PURPOSE

This proposal would amend the Vermont Constitution to require a thorough, efficient and equitable system of free public education.

Sec. 2. [LAWS TO ENCOURAGE VIRTUE AND PREVENT VICE; *
[SCHOOLS]* EDUCATION; RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES]

Laws for the encouragement of virtue and prevention of vice and immortality ought to be constantly kept in force, and duly executed * [; and a competent number of schools ought to be maintained in each town unless the general assembly permits other provisions for the convenient instruction of youth]* . The general assembly shall ensure a thorough, efficient and equitable system of free public education sufficient to give each child an equal opportunity to acquire the essential knowledge and skill required for full participation in society. All religious societies, or bodies of men that may be united or incorporated for the advancement of religion and learning or for other pious and charitable purposes, shall be encouraged and protected in the enjoyment of the privileges, immunities, and estates, which they in justice ought to enjoy, under such regulations as the general assembly of this state shall direct.