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## **Full Senate passes bi-partisan Ed Funding Amendment**

*CACR 12 restores flexibility to make education funding decisions; heads to House*

CONCORD – On a bi-partisan vote, the full Senate passed a Constitutional Amendment today regarding education funding that allows targeted aid to needy communities and returns control over funding to the Legislature.

**Senate President Peter Bragdon, R-Milford:**

“I am pleased with the bi-partisan support the amendment received in the Senate and truly appreciate Gov. Lynch publicly endorsing the legislation as well today. It is imperative as we work towards putting this question before voters, that they see it has the backing of both parties and the governor. New Hampshire voters deserve the opportunity to weigh in on this issue. I am confident the amendment will have bi-partisan support in the House.”

**Senator Lou D’Allesandro, D-Manchester:**

“Education is a fundamental right. Getting dollars to people who need them the most is essential. This amendment does not take the courts out of the equation. I have voted for amendments in the past, I am proud to support CACR 12 and to help move it forward in order to give the people the chance to vote on it in November.”

As passed, CACR 12 reads:

“In fulfillment of the provisions with respect to education set forth in Part II, Article 83, the legislature shall have full power and authority and the responsibility to define reasonable standards for elementary and secondary public education, to establish reasonable standards of accountability, and to mitigate local disparities in educational opportunity and fiscal capacity. Further, the legislature shall have full power and authority to determine the amount of, and the method of raising and distributing, state funding for public education.”

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