

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 146

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblymen GARCIA and DALTON

1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the State Board of Education to reject
2 the proposed regulations implementing the "Comprehensive Educational
3 Improvement and Financing Act of 1996."
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5 **WHEREAS**, The Commissioner of Education has proposed to the State Board
6 of Education new regulations to implement the provisions of the
7 "Comprehensive Educational Improvement and Financing Act of 1996,"
8 P.L.1996, c.138, approved on December 20, 1996; and

9 **WHEREAS**, In two public hearings, the proposed regulations have been
10 severely criticized by school officials who are responsible for preparing
11 budgets under the guidelines of the proposed regulations; and

12 **WHEREAS**, It has been alleged that the proposed regulations do not adequately
13 reflect legislative intent on a number of key issues relating to the calculation
14 and preparation of a local school district budget; and

15 **WHEREAS**, In addition, it appears that the proposed regulations grant to the
16 Commissioner of Education and to the county superintendents more
17 authority over local district budgets and the budgetary process than the
18 Legislature intended; and

19 **WHEREAS**, The State Board of Education should consult with the Legislature
20 in revising the proposed regulations to implement the new school funding
21 statute and should make certain that the regulations are consistent with the
22 legislative intent of that statute; now, therefore,
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24 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*
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26 1. This House urges the State Board of Education to reject the proposed
27 regulations implementing the "Comprehensive Educational Improvement and
28 Financing Act of 1996," P.L.1996, c.138, and to consult with the Legislature
29 in order to ensure that the revised regulations properly reflect legislative intent.

