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Proposed Policy Resolutions – Summary

Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

- **Resolution on a Key National Indicator System for the United States**
Sponsor: Jane Kusiak, Executive Director, Council on Virginia's Future
Supports the Key National Indicators Act of 2008 currently under consideration in Congress and encourages states to support the key national indicator system.
- **Resolution Affirming Support of the 2010 Census**
Sponsor: Sen. Yvonne Miller, Virginia
Supports the 2010 Census and encourages CSG's members to support census activities in their states.
- **Resolution on Interstate Health Insurance Compact**
Sponsor: Rep. Laura Brod, Minnesota
Supports the exploration and creation of an Interstate Health Insurance Compact and creates a CSG working group to pursue and report findings/recommendations to the CSG Governing Board and membership.

Education Task Force

- **Resolution on a Fair Title I Funding Formula**
Sponsor: Julie Harris-Lawrence, Deputy Associate Commissioner, Texas Education Agency
Calls on Congress to adopt fair funding measures in the Title I formula to ensure each student in every state receives an equal share of Title I resources.
- **Resolution Supporting Early College Programs**
Sponsor: Sen. Vivian Figures, Alabama
Encourages collaboration among state legislators and executive branch officials to create, sustain and grow early college high schools.
- **Resolution on the Marketing of Food and Beverages to Children**
Sponsor: Sen. Vivian Figures, Alabama
Encourages the creation of federal guidelines for how food/beverages may be marketed to children and urges state Boards of Education to adopt statewide standards for the types of food/beverages that may be sold to students at school.

- **Resolution on Four-Day School Weeks**
Sponsor: Rep. Greg Porter, Indiana
 Encourages states to give local school districts the option of adopting four-day school weeks by providing for a minimum number of instructional hours as an alternative to minimum number of instructional days specified by state law.
- **Resolution on English Language Learners**
Sponsor: Rep. Greg Porter, Indiana
 Encourages state policymakers to support English Language Learner students so that they can achieve high levels of proficiency in English as well as in the entire academic curriculum.
- **Resolution on Quality Early Childhood Education**
Co-sponsor: Sen. Vivian Figures, Alabama
Co-sponsor: Rep. Greg Porter, Indiana
 Encourages state policymakers to increase access to high quality pre-kindergarten programs and recommends that state policymakers investigate mandating full-day kindergarten attendance for every 5-year old child.
- **Resolution on Utilizing ARRA to Support Building Healthier Schools and Improving Nutritional Options for Students**
Sponsor: Sen. Vivian Figures, Alabama
 Encourages states, when using ARRA funds, to ensure construction or modernization of schools include quality enhancements for physical activity and recommends that schools use ARRA funds to purchase or replace equipment needed to prepare healthy meals.

Energy & Environment Task Force

- **Resolution in Support of Sustainability of Military Installations**
Sponsor: Rep. Tom Sloan, Kansas
 Encourages US Dept. of Defense create a national task force to identify/promote innovative public policies that enhance energy, water, and natural resource conservation efforts at military installations and in surrounding communities.

Health Task Force

- **Resolution Supporting State Legislative Mental Health Caucuses**
Sponsor: Sen. Kevin Coughlin, Ohio
 Supports state efforts to educate the legislature and the public on mental health needs and services in their states.
- **Resolution Supporting Efforts to Promote Health Information Technology**
Sponsor: Sen. Mattie Hunter, Illinois
 Calls on the federal government to continue to support a nationwide health IT system and devise standards that ensure public/private interoperability and encourages the adoption of secure, effective health IT systems. *(Previously adopted by CSG-Midwest)*

- **Resolution on Pandemic Flu Preparedness**

Sponsor: Sen. Kevin Coughlin, Ohio

Encourages the federal government to allow state/local flexibility during a pandemic flu outbreak and urges states to implement, test and review pandemic preparedness plans.

Transportation Task Force

- **Resolution Promoting High Speed Rail**

Sponsor: TBD

Encourages states to work cooperatively to enhance the potential for federal high-speed rail funding and recommends that states work proactively to create public-private partnerships to promote existing and new rail lines. *(Previously adopted by CSG-South)*

Financial Services Working Group

- **Resolution Maintaining Oversight and Regulation of 529 College Savings Plans**

Sponsor: State Treasurer Nancy Kopp, Maryland

Opposes any effort to remove or transfer oversight and regulation of the 529 college savings plans from the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board to any other federal entity, including any organization that might be established to provide oversight and regulation of consumer credit. *(Previously adopted by the National Association of State Treasurers)*

- **Resolution on Rating Agency Reform and Preserving the Tower Amendment**

Sponsor: State Treasurer Nancy Kopp, Maryland

Recommends a single rating scale for all debt instruments; encourages ratings to be measured by the ability of an issuer to meet its obligations; urges the President and Congress to preserve the Tower Amendment, re: state and local finance authority and oversight. *(Previously adopted by the National Association of State Treasurers)*

- **Resolution in Support of State Securities Regulation**

Sponsor: State Treasurer Nancy Kopp, Maryland

Urges the President and Congress to maintain and enhance the ability of the states to protect investors and consumers by investigating and prosecuting investment fraud and other illegal investment activities by broker-dealers, investment advisers, etc. *(Previously adopted by the National Association of Secretaries of State)*

Technology Working Group

- **Resolution to Maximize Stimulus Support for Broadband Internet**

Sponsor: Rep. Deborah Hudson, Delaware

Supports the expansion of broadband Internet use and calls on the federal agencies distributing the broadband funding included in ARRA to expressly mandate that broadband awareness, adoption, use, and digital literacy programs receive funding priority.