

1 **2006 Fall Seminar**
2 **Standing Committee on Children with Special Needs**
3 **Resolution #02**

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5 **RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO STATE LAW TO HAVE**
6 **THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY**
7 **FOR FUNDING EXCESS SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL**
8 **SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**
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10 **WHEREAS**, Section 4410 of the New York State Education Law requires
11 counties to reimburse school districts for their Committee on Preschool Education
12 (CPSE) administrative costs over and above available federal funds, where allowed by
13 the Commissioner of Education; and
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15 **WHEREAS**, CPSE administrative costs currently total \$20 million, \$13 million
16 of which is in excess of available federal funds; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, counties already bear the direct burden for administration of the
19 4410 program and only get partially reimbursed at the rate of \$75 per child for their own
20 administrative work; and
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22 **WHEREAS**, school district CPSE administrative costs that are in excess of
23 federal funding are approved by the Commissioner of Education with no county input;
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26 **WHEREAS**, the amount of school district CPSE administrative costs passed onto
27 counties has increased dramatically in recent years and is expected to increase
28 exponentially into the future without reform; and
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30 **WHEREAS**, excess school district CPSE administrative costs should be paid for
31 by the State Education Department, which does have authority to review, verify and
32 approve these costs; and
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34 **WHEREAS**, only by placing the responsibility for funding these costs with the
35 agency that has authority to control them, will there be a more responsible allocation and
36 use of funds:
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38 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New York State
39 Association of Counties (NYSAC) calls for an amendment to state law to have the State
40 Education Department assume the full responsibility for funding excess school district
41 committee on preschool special education administrative costs; and
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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that NYSAC shall forward copies of this
44 Resolution to the Governor, the New York State Legislature and all others deemed
45 necessary and proper.