FUNDING OF SCREENING PROGRAMS FOR THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLDS

WHEREAS,	Most public schools do not provide preschool screening for three and four-year olds in any other component of their existing educational program other than for early childhood special education and what was provided through Senate Bill 658; and
WHEREAS,	There is reliable research data to substantiate that 20% of all preschool children have health or developmental problems that can be identified through the screening process; and
WHEREAS,	Funding for screening three and four-year old children under Senate Bill 658 will be reviewed annually, therefore be it
RESOLVED,	That the Missouri Congress of Parents and Teachers, its units and councils, urge the Missouri General Assembly to continue the level of funding required for the screening program of three year and four year olds throughout the state.