

# **The Constitution of Finland**

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**(731/1999, amendments up to 817/2018 included)**

## **Section 16 -Educational rights**

Everyone has the right to basic education free of charge. Provisions on the duty to receive education are laid down by an Act.

The public authorities shall, as provided in more detail by an Act, guarantee for everyone equal opportunity to receive other educational services in accordance with their ability and special needs, as well as the opportunity to develop themselves without being prevented by economic hardship.

The freedom of science, the arts and higher education is guaranteed.