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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. TRELLO, MISCEVICH, LOGUE, RAVENSTAHL
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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JANUARY 31, 1978

In the House of Representatives, December 13, 1977

1 WHEREAS, Each year members of the General Assembly are called
2 upon to vote for appropriations to State-related and State-aided
3 colleges and universities. The cost to the taxpayers of
4 Pennsylvania is enormous. At the same time the cost to the
5 individual student continues to rise; and

6 WHEREAS, There has arisen in the minds of many members the
7 question whether the funds appropriated to such colleges and
8 universities are being used in an efficient and effective
9 manner. There is specific concern about the salaries and
10 benefits paid to those who administer and teach at such
11 institutions. Also, the teaching workload is another area of
12 concern. It is important that these matters be determined before
13 such appropriations are again voted; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
15 appoint a select committee of seven members, four from the
16 majority and three from the minority, to examine and investigate
17 the use of funds appropriated to State-related and State-aided

1 colleges and universities to determine if such funds are being
2 efficiently and effectively used. Such examination and
3 investigation shall include an evaluation of the salaries and
4 benefits paid to administrators and teachers as well as teaching
5 workloads; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
7 testimony, and make its investigations at such places as it
8 deems necessary. ~~It may issue subpoenas under the hand and seal~~ <—
9 ~~of its chairman commanding any person to appear before it and to~~
10 ~~answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into~~
11 ~~by the committee and to produce such books, papers, records and~~
12 ~~documents as the committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may~~
13 ~~be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of~~
14 ~~subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any~~
15 ~~person who willfully neglects or refuses to testify before the~~
16 ~~committee or to produce any books, papers, records or documents,~~
17 ~~shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the~~
18 ~~Commonwealth in such case.~~ Each member of the committee shall
19 have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses
20 appearing before the committee; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee
22 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause a
23 record of all expenses incurred by the committee, or the members
24 thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth expense, to be filed
25 with the Speaker of the House and the Speaker shall cause the
26 same to be entered in the journal thereof. No expenses incurred
27 by the committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by
28 the Chief Clerk unless such expense shall first have been
29 included as an expense item in the record heretofore required;
30 and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the select committee report its findings to
2 the General Assembly by May 1, 1978.