

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY RICHARDSON, HARPER, BARBER, COHEN, DUMAS, OLIVER,
PUCCIARELLI, JONES, J. J. JOHNSON AND WHITE, JUNE 2, 1980

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 2, 1980

In the House of Representatives, June 2, 1980

1 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has a long standing
2 commitment to provide an adequate education to the children of
3 its citizens; and

4 WHEREAS, Recent tests have shown the decreasing standards and
5 quality of education in the Philadelphia School District in
6 comparison with the National norm; and

7 WHEREAS, There is a special need to upgrade the special
8 education programs in the city; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House Education Committee conduct a
10 comprehensive investigation of all programs and procedures in
11 the education process in the Philadelphia School District
12 including but not limited to the special education program, for
13 the purpose of recommending legislation to upgrade the said
14 system; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
16 testimony, and make its investigations at such places as it
17 deems necessary. It may issue subpoenas under the hand and seal

1 of its chairman commanding any person to appear before it and to
2 answer questions touching matters properly being inquired into
3 by the committee and to produce such books, papers, records and
4 documents as the committee deems necessary. Such subpoenas may
5 be served upon any person and shall have the force and effect of
6 subpoenas issued out of the courts of this Commonwealth. Any
7 person who willfully neglects or refuses to testify before the
8 committee or to produce any books, papers, records or documents,
9 shall be subject to the penalties provided by the laws of the
10 Commonwealth in such case. Each member of the committee shall
11 have power to administer oaths and affirmations to witnesses
12 appearing before the committee; and be it further

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

23 RESOLVED, That the Education Committee make a report of its
24 findings to the House of Representatives as soon as possible
25 following the adoption of this resolution, including drafts of
26 any legislation necessary to implement its findings.