
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, MAY 2, 2001

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Department of Education to require the
2 certification of bilingual teachers in public schools and
3 charter schools.

4 WHEREAS, The education of students whose dominant language is
5 not English is the responsibility of every school district and
6 charter school in this Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, The provisions of 22 Pa. Code § 4.26 (relating to
8 ESOL) require that every school district provide a program for
9 each student whose dominant language is not English; and

10 WHEREAS, Various regions of this Commonwealth have
11 experienced a tremendous influx of predominantly Spanish-
12 speaking immigrants within the past ten years; and

13 WHEREAS, The school systems in these regions have few
14 professional educators equipped with bilingual proficiency or
15 the necessary skills required to promote the academic success
16 and English acquisition of these students; and

17 WHEREAS, Teachers must be able to demonstrate that they have

1 acquired the proficiency to teach English as a foreign language;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Bilingual education teachers must demonstrate
4 proficiency in both the English language and the language of the
5 target students; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
7 Department of Education to require certification of bilingual
8 teachers in public schools and charter schools in order to serve
9 students with limited English proficiency through collaborative
10 training programs operated by institutions of higher education
11 and State and local educational agencies.