
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Finance Committee of the House of Representatives
2 to develop a local tax reform plan that reduces reliance on
3 property taxes to finance local school districts.

4 WHEREAS, The ever-increasing revenue expenditures of local
5 school districts have placed a growing burden on local
6 taxpayers; and

7 WHEREAS, That tax burden is met through the levying of real
8 property taxes as a result of a limitation on the rate of earned
9 income taxes which may be levied by a school district; and

10 WHEREAS, Real property taxes place an unfair burden on those
11 persons living on fixed incomes or who are temporarily
12 unemployed or are young families just starting out; and

13 WHEREAS, That burden often results in senior citizens having
14 to leave the home that they worked a lifetime to afford;
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee of the House of

1 Representatives shall review the local tax reform proposals that
2 have been presented in recent years as well as during the
3 current session; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee of the House of
5 Representatives shall develop legislation to reduce reliance on
6 real property taxes to finance local school districts; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee of the House of
9 Representatives review and consider alternative sources of
10 revenue, such as sales taxes, personal income taxes and other
11 taxes when developing legislation to effectuate a reduction in
12 real property taxes; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee of the House of
14 Representatives' proposed legislation ensures that businesses
15 continue to pay their fair share of support to the local school
16 district system; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Finance Committee present to the House of
18 Representatives its plan within 180 days of the adoption of this
19 resolution.