
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 268 Session of
1996

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BELFANTI, DeLUCA, BOSCOLA AND MASLAND, JANUARY 24, 1996

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 24, 1996

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring "Safe Schools in Pennsylvania" week, recognizing the
2 problem of school violence and calling upon school district
3 officials, teachers, students and the public to undertake
4 certain activities.

5 WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice reports that
6 a violent crime occurs in school once every six seconds or three
7 million times a year, in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Two thousand students are physically attacked on
9 school grounds across America once every hour; and

10 WHEREAS, The Harvard School of Public Health found, in a
11 recent poll of 12th graders, that 55% wished their school used
12 metal detectors; and

13 WHEREAS, Forty-three percent of those respondents who knew
14 someone who had been shot resided in small towns or rural areas;
15 and

1 WHEREAS, School administrators, teachers and staff need
2 better methods of detecting the violent student; and

3 WHEREAS, Students, parents and teachers have the right to
4 expect a safe school and work environment; and

5 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives has a duty to encourage
6 the development, maintenance and awareness of the need for safe
7 schools within this Commonwealth; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare the week
9 of January 22 through 28, 1996, as "Safe Schools in
10 Pennsylvania" week and encourage all citizens, students and
11 educators to enhance their awareness of violence in schools and
12 dedicate themselves to the prevention and eradication of
13 violence in schools.