

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PETRI, BARRAR, CLYMER, D. COSTA, GABLER,
HENNESSEY, MICOZZIE, MOUL, MURT, O'NEILL, PYLE, VULAKOVICH,
WAGNER AND WATSON, APRIL 5, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 5, 2011

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Secretary of Education to immediately submit orders
2 for textbooks, instructional materials and instructional
3 equipment for loan to nonpublic schools.

4 WHEREAS, The welfare of this Commonwealth requires that the
5 present and future generations of school age children be assured
6 ample opportunity to develop to the fullest their intellectual
7 capacities; and

8 WHEREAS, To further this objective, the Commonwealth
9 provides, through tax funds of the Commonwealth, textbooks and
10 instructional materials free of charge to children attending
11 public schools within the Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately one quarter of all children in this
13 Commonwealth, in compliance with the compulsory attendance
14 provisions of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known
15 as the Public School Code of 1949, attend nonpublic schools; and

16 WHEREAS, Although their parents are taxpayers of the
17 Commonwealth, these children do not receive textbooks or
18 instructional materials from the Commonwealth; and

1 WHEREAS, The General Assembly enacted the provisions of
2 section 923-A of the Public School Code of 1949 to assure such a
3 distribution of such educational aids that every school child in
4 this Commonwealth will equitably share in the benefits thereof;
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of
7 Education be urged to immediately submit all orders for
8 textbooks, instructional materials and instructional equipment
9 for loan to nonpublic schools pursuant to section 923-A of the
10 act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public
11 School Code of 1949.