
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, APRIL 23, 1990

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Education Committee to review the extent of the
2 deferred maintenance, capital renovation and construction
3 needs of the State-related universities in the State System
4 of Higher Education.

5 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh, The Pennsylvania State
6 University, Temple University and Lincoln University are members
7 of the State System of Higher Education; and

8 WHEREAS, The enormous cost of maintaining and renovating the
9 existing physical plants of these universities, combined with
10 the potential expense for new educational facilities necessary
11 to accommodate advancing technologies and growing numbers of
12 students, places a great strain on university budgets; and

13 WHEREAS, There exists, primarily for financial reasons, a
14 significant backlog of maintenance projects which have been
15 deferred by these universities over the years, thereby further
16 contributing to the long-term costs associated with renovating
17 facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth budget projections for capital

1 requirements for all of the Department of Education's higher
2 education capital budget needs average \$51,000,000 for each of
3 the next five years, while recent reports indicate a much
4 greater magnitude of need; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
6 Education Committee to investigate the factors contributing to
7 the current situation and to determine appropriate actions for
8 the commonwealth to take to help alleviate or stabilize the
9 problem; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
11 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems
12 necessary in this Commonwealth. Each member of the committee
13 shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations to
14 witnesses appearing before the committee; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
16 and recommendations to the House of Representatives as soon as
17 possible.