

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY COWELL, EVANS, STAIRS, ROBINSON AND HERMAN,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the appointment of a task force to review issues
2 concerning higher education funding.

3 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has more than 100 institutions of
4 higher education, including community colleges, State-owned
5 universities, State-related universities and private colleges
6 and universities; and

7 WHEREAS, These public and private institutions have a variety
8 of financial relationships with the Commonwealth; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth annually appropriates more than \$1
10 billion to support these higher education institutions and
11 students attending these institutions; and

12 WHEREAS, This system of institutions represents a significant
13 asset for the citizens of this Commonwealth at a time when there
14 is increasing public demand for access to postsecondary
15 education programs as well as diverse and increasing public
16 expectations concerning the missions of colleges and
17 universities; and

1 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has an interest in helping to
2 maintain the financial viability of the various categories of
3 higher education institutions in order to preserve and enhance
4 the richness of Pennsylvania's system of higher education and
5 the educational opportunities for Commonwealth residents; and

6 WHEREAS, It is in the interest of the Commonwealth to have
7 public policies which ensure appropriate, fair and adequate
8 distribution of available public resources to and among the
9 various higher education sectors and institutions; therefore be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
12 appoint a Task Force on Higher Education Funding to review
13 issues pertaining to the financing of higher education in this
14 Commonwealth; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the membership of the Task Force shall include
16 34 members appointed in the following manner:

17 (1) Four members of the Education Committee, appointed
18 by the Speaker, one of whom shall be designated as the chair
19 of the Task Force.

20 (2) Four members of the Appropriations Committee,
21 appointed by the Speaker.

22 (3) Three members of the Education Committee, appointed
23 by the Minority Leader.

24 (4) Three members of the Appropriations Committee,
25 appointed by the Minority Leader.

26 (5) Sixteen members appointed by the Speaker, upon
27 recommendations of the Pennsylvania Association of Colleges
28 and Universities, who shall include four representatives of
29 State-related universities, four representatives of community
30 colleges, four representatives of the State System of Higher

1 Education and four representatives of private institutions,
2 at least one of whom shall be a representative of a State-
3 aided institution.

4 (6) The President of the Pennsylvania Association of
5 Colleges and Universities.

6 (7) The President/CEO of the Pennsylvania Higher
7 Education Assistance Agency.

8 (8) The Chair of the State Board of Education or a
9 designee.

10 (9) The Secretary of Education or a designee;
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force may take appropriate testimony
13 and make its inquiries and reviews at such places and at such
14 times as it deems necessary within this Commonwealth; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the Task Force make a report of its findings
17 and recommendations to the full House no later than November 30,
18 1994.