

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 26, 2001

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring that all Pennsylvania school students have the right  
2 to the surety that they are safe, and requesting from the  
3 Department of Education an accounting and evaluation of  
4 professional guidance services and aid that can be provided  
5 to local school districts.

6 WHEREAS, In the wake of the tragedy of September 11, 2001, in  
7 which thousands of innocent lives were lost, the nation searches  
8 for answers to our children's questions and ways to allay their  
9 fears; and

10 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania finds its school  
11 districts dealing with tough issues in unsettled times; and

12 WHEREAS, When once it was commonly assumed that school, next  
13 to the home, was the safest place a child could be, incidents of  
14 terroristic violence, including those which occurred in  
15 Washington, New York and Pennsylvania, have damaged this  
16 perception; and

17 WHEREAS, The limited resources of many of the Commonwealth's

1 local school districts are being stretched near to capacity; and

2 WHEREAS, School districts are finding that the services of  
3 professional guidance counselors are needed to aid students in  
4 coping with and understanding terroristic violence; and

5 WHEREAS, The Department of Education needs to take an active  
6 role in addressing the needs of local school districts for  
7 professional guidance and technical support; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare that all  
9 Pennsylvania school students and their parents have the right to  
10 the surety that schools and classrooms are, indeed, safe places;  
11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives request from the  
13 Department of Education a report on professional guidance  
14 counselor services provided by local school districts, including  
15 services directed to assist students in coping with and  
16 understanding terroristic violence. This report shall also  
17 document needs of local school districts for professional  
18 guidance counselor services and Federal and State aid that can  
19 be provided to local school districts to meet these needs. This  
20 report is to be submitted to the House of Representatives by  
21 December 31, 2001.