
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JOSEPHS, GERGELY AND ROBERTS, JUNE 16, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, JUNE 16, 2004

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the Congress and the President of the United
2 States to restore cuts in education funding and to fully fund
3 the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

4 WHEREAS, On January 8, 2002, President George W. Bush signed
5 the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; and

6 WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 holds public
7 schools accountable for their annual progress or lack thereof;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 provides
10 penalties for schools that fail to achieve adequate yearly
11 progress as defined in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, The failure of the Bush administration and Congress
13 to fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 creates an
14 underfunded Federal mandate; and

15 WHEREAS, Requiring the use of State education funds to

1 support federally mandated programs creates further strain on
2 Pennsylvania's property owners, whose property taxes fund public
3 education in Pennsylvania; and

4 WHEREAS, In President Bush's proposed 2004-2005 budget,
5 Pennsylvania is among 11 states receiving less money than in
6 fiscal year 2003-2004; and

7 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of
8 Pennsylvania recognizes that given Pennsylvania's current
9 economic condition our Commonwealth can ill afford to pay for
10 the Bush administration's education proposals; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania call upon the Congress and the
13 President of the United States to restore cuts in education
14 funding and fully fund the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; and
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
17 President George W. Bush, the Honorable Rod Paige, United States
18 Secretary of Education, the presiding officers of each house of
19 Congress and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.