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A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Education and the Department of Health
2 to establish a coordinated school health program in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, For students to become lifelong productive and
5 responsible citizens, schools must help them to develop health-
6 promoting skills and behaviors and help them to attend to the
7 physical, mental and social health components of their lives;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Schools must focus more attention on behaviors and
10 lifestyles which act as roadblocks to learning; and

11 WHEREAS, Schools can serve as a catalyst for agencies and
12 groups to work together to maintain the well-being of young
13 people and promote healthy lifestyles for the future; and

14 WHEREAS, For the past decade, education and health experts
15 have suggested that a coordinated school health program which
16 goes beyond classroom instruction is the most efficient way for
17 schools to ensure the health of their students and prepare them
18 for productive citizenship; and

1 WHEREAS, A coordinated school health program consists of
2 eight interactive components, including health education,
3 physical education, health services, nutrition services,
4 counseling, psychological and social services, healthy school
5 environment and health promotion for staff, family and the
6 community; and

7 WHEREAS, Coordinated school health programs encourage healthy
8 lifestyles, provide needed supports to at-risk students and
9 reduce the prevalence of health problems which impair academic
10 success; and

11 WHEREAS, Coordinated school health programs can change
12 students' health behaviors and attitudes; and

13 WHEREAS, Coordinated school health programs are cost-
14 effective ways to promote health and prevent disease; and

15 WHEREAS, Schools cannot develop a coordinated school health
16 program without the cooperation of families, the health
17 community and the community at large; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge the Department of Education
19 and the Department of Health to work together and in cooperation
20 with family members and representatives of the health community
21 and the community at large to establish a coordinated school
22 health program in Pennsylvania.