
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 245 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, WOZNIAK, ERICKSON, WASHINGTON, DINNIMAN,
TEPLITZ, BROWNE, KASUNIC, SCHWANK, FONTANA, SMITH,
VULAKOVICH, GREENLEAF, HUGHES AND PILEGGI, OCTOBER 22, 2013

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 22, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 28 as "Pennsylvania Education
2 for Youth Experiencing Homelessness Awareness Week" in
3 Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, In the 2011-2012 school year, 19,914 students in
5 Pennsylvania schools found themselves homeless or without
6 adequate housing; and

7 WHEREAS, The purpose of this resolution is to educate the
8 public about the prevalence of youth experiencing homelessness
9 and barriers that may prevent the youth from attending school;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, All schools must comply with the McKinney-Vento
12 Homeless Assistance Act to overcome those barriers; and

13 WHEREAS, The purpose of this resolution is to educate the
14 public about the prevalence and limited resources available to
15 youth experiencing homelessness, including the shortage of
16 affordable housing for displaced minors; and

17 WHEREAS, The purpose of this resolution is to encourage
18 support for homeless assistance service providers, as well as

1 community service opportunities for students and school service
2 organizations; and

3 WHEREAS, There are many organizations committed to sheltering
4 and providing supportive services, meals and food supplies to
5 people experiencing homelessness; and

6 WHEREAS, There is still a dire need for additional resources
7 to assist students experiencing homelessness to attend school
8 and be successful, including the basic needs of food, clothing
9 and education supplies; and

10 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate recognize that
11 homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many youth
12 and families in this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, The intent of Pennsylvania Education for Youth
14 Experiencing Homelessness Awareness Week is to encourage
15 schools, communities and individuals to plan for and support
16 assistance programs for youth experiencing homelessness as they
17 look to complete their education; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 28 as
19 "Pennsylvania Education for Youth Experiencing Homelessness
20 Awareness Week."