
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY AUMENT, YUDICHAK, DINNIMAN, FONTANA, MARTIN,
BREWSTER, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, SABATINA, ARGALL, MENSCH,
McILHINNEY, BAKER, KILLION, GREENLEAF, WHITE, RAFFERTY,
HUGHES, RESCHENTHALER AND COSTA, OCTOBER 16, 2018

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A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing October 25, 2018, as "Lights On Afterschool Day" in
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, More than 28 million children in the United States
4 have parents who work outside the home, and more than 11.3
5 million children are left unsupervised after school between the
6 hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.; and

7 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs support working families and
8 provide businesses with increased worker productivity; and

9 WHEREAS, Eighteen percent of families depend on afterschool
10 programs to provide a safe environment after the school day
11 ends; and

12 WHEREAS, A 2016 PEAR Institute and iMMAP study found that
13 high-quality afterschool programs provide for increased
14 identity, understanding and critical thinking skills through
15 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)
16 activities; and

17 WHEREAS, The demand for afterschool programs is higher among

1 low-income students, in a recent national survey, 56% of parents
2 cited cost as a barrier to enrollment in an afterschool program;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, More than 2 in 5, or 19.4 million, students across
5 America indicated that they would like to participate in an
6 afterschool program, but have little to no options available to
7 them; and

8 WHEREAS, Evaluations from 21st Century Community Learning
9 Center's programs in this Commonwealth found that students
10 experience significant benefits from participating in
11 afterschool programs, including improved grades in math and
12 language arts/reading, improved academic performance and
13 recovery of high school credits or courses; and

14 WHEREAS, Afterschool programs build stronger communities by
15 involving parents, business leaders and student and youth
16 volunteers in the lives of young individuals, thereby promoting
17 positive relationships among children, youths, families and
18 adults; and

19 WHEREAS, "Lights On Afterschool Day," founded 19 years ago,
20 is a national celebration of afterschool programs that promotes
21 the critical importance of afterschool programs in the lives of
22 children, families and communities; therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate recognize October 25, 2018, as
24 "Lights On Afterschool Day" in Pennsylvania.