
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 651 Session of
2020

INTRODUCED BY BOBACK, PICKETT, READSHAW, WILLIAMS, MURT, HELM,
CIRESI AND KAUFER, JANUARY 10, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, JANUARY 10, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the
2 manner in which charter schools are funded in this
3 Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, In 1997, the Charter School Law, Article XVII-A of
5 the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14) known as the Public
6 School Code of 1949, was enacted, establishing charter schools
7 in this Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, Since that time there has been an increasing
9 recognition and appreciation of the need for greater oversight
10 of charter schools, including concerns related to funding and
11 how taxpayer dollars are being utilized by charter schools; and

12 WHEREAS, Charter schools are public schools that utilize
13 taxpayer dollars and operate independently from the existing
14 school district structure without an elected school board
15 accountable to the local taxpayers; and

16 WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon public schools and public
17 officials to be good and faithful stewards of taxpayer dollars;
18 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
2 State Government Commission to study the manner in which charter
3 schools are funded in this Commonwealth; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the study include all of the following:

5 (1) A review of charter school entity financing laws in
6 operation throughout the United States.

7 (2) An assessment of the actual cost of educating a
8 child in a charter school, a regional charter school, a cyber
9 charter school and a school district or intermediate unit
10 utilizing cyber classes.

11 (3) An evaluation of the process by which charter
12 schools, regional charter schools and cyber charter schools
13 are funded;

14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission shall
16 include in its study recommendations on all of the following:

17 (1) Appropriate funding for charter school, regional
18 charter school and cyber charter school operations.

19 (2) Appropriate funding for charter school, regional
20 charter school and cyber charter school facilities and
21 management;

22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission submit
24 its findings to the General Assembly no later than January 1,
25 2021.