
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DINNIMAN, FARNESE AND ARNOLD, OCTOBER 19, 2020

REFERRED TO EDUCATION, OCTOBER 19, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study
2 the impact of COVID-19 on education in this Commonwealth and
3 to issue a report.

4 WHEREAS, The health and safety of students in this
5 Commonwealth is an utmost priority; and

6 WHEREAS, The necessary response to the COVID-19 pandemic has
7 required schools at all levels to provide instruction remotely
8 on a full-time or part-time basis; and

9 WHEREAS, While remote learning instruction is preferable to
10 no instruction, the schools in this Commonwealth have varying
11 levels of ability and effectiveness in providing remote
12 instruction; and

13 WHEREAS, Where the instruction is not effective, loss of
14 learning for students may result in many students being
15 significantly behind and in need of extensive remediation; and

16 WHEREAS, Such loss of learning at all levels of education in
17 this Commonwealth has the potential to adversely affect the
18 learning of each student and this Commonwealth as a whole;
19 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
2 Finance Committee to study the impact of COVID-19 on education
3 in this Commonwealth and to issue a report; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the study include an analysis of the
5 following:

6 (1) the changes to education in preschools and
7 kindergarten through grade twelve schools as a result of the
8 COVID-19 pandemic;

9 (2) the necessary changes following the COVID-19
10 pandemic to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on
11 student education at all levels;

12 (3) the impact on the economy that results from the loss
13 of an entire generation of learners if the education lost
14 during the COVID-19 pandemic is not remedied;

15 (4) the degree and type of loss of learning that
16 occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic;

17 (5) any demographic group that has experienced losses of
18 learning during the COVID-19 pandemic;

19 (6) the effect of the loss of learning in each
20 demographic group and this Commonwealth, if the loss of
21 learning during the COVID-19 pandemic is not remedied;

22 (7) the types of corrective measures or changes that
23 could be utilized now to address the loss of learning;

24 (8) the types of corrective measures or changes to
25 address the loss of learning that would be needed later if no
26 corrective measures or changes are implemented now; and

27 (9) the actions that other states are initiating in
28 terms of loss of learning;

29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That, in conducting the study, the Legislative

1 Budget and Finance Committee consult with education
2 stakeholders, preschool educators and classroom teachers and
3 administrators in kindergarten through grade twelve schools,
4 both public and nonpublic, in this Commonwealth; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
7 be prohibited from consulting with entities that currently, or
8 have the potential to, contract with the Commonwealth in any
9 manner related to the study or with any private entity that
10 could financially benefit from a policy change that could result
11 from the findings or recommendations of the study; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
14 prepare and submit a written report with findings and
15 recommendations regarding the study; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the report be submitted to the Senate within
17 90 days of the adoption of this resolution.