

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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SENATOR ARGALL, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study evaluating the outcomes of Act 44 of 2018 and
3 to issue a report of its findings and recommendations.

4 WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2018 established the School Safety and
5 Security Grant Program and the Safe2Say Program and formed the
6 School Safety and Security Committee in the Pennsylvania
7 Commission on Crime and Delinquency; and

8 WHEREAS, Act 44 of 2018 undoubtedly had much success in
9 better protecting the lives of our children, teachers and school
10 visitors throughout this Commonwealth and providing schools with
11 the resources they need; and

12 WHEREAS, The intent of this resolution is to improve upon the
13 successes of Act 44 of 2018 and help support potential future
14 policy recommendations for the programs and services established
15 under Act 44 of 2018; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and
17 Finance Committee to conduct a study evaluating the outcomes of
18 Act 44 of 2018 and include all of the following information,
19 using the most recent data available, regarding the program:

1 (1) ~~The average dollar amount that school entities~~ <--
2 AMOUNT THAT EACH SCHOOL ENTITY received through the program <--
3 ~~with intent to provide safety and security services.~~ <--

4 (2) An analysis of other relevant data sources on school
5 safety and student mental health, including Statewide and
6 county data from the Pennsylvania Youth Survey, as well as
7 data on school discipline.

8 (3) Using aggregate data, an analysis of types of
9 programs and services that schools applied for using their
10 grant money, aligned with items and activities included in
11 section 1306-B(j) of the Public School Code of 1949.

12 (4) ~~An assessment~~ A COMPARISON of the baseline criteria <--
13 adopted by the School Safety and Security Committee ~~for~~ <--
14 ~~physical security and behavioral health.~~ WITH NATIONAL <--
15 STANDARDS.

16 (5) A review of the standards required for school
17 ~~resource officers and school police officers~~ SECURITY <--
18 PERSONNEL in Article XIII-C of the Public School Code of
19 1949, including a comparison to national standards.

20 (6) A compilation of the NUMBER OF ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED <--
21 BY THE Risk and Vulnerability Assessment Teams and the third-
22 party vendors ~~of the number of assessments conducted under~~ <--
23 1307-B of the Public School Code of 1949 over the last five
24 years.

25 (7) A review of the registration data and qualifications
26 of school safety and security assessment providers in section
27 1304-B of the Public School Code of 1949 and compare to
28 national standards.

29 (8) A review of the safety and security best practices
30 of other states;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
3 ~~work with~~ GATHER INPUT FROM THE SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY <--
4 COMMITTEE AND COORDINATE WITH the Pennsylvania Commission on
5 Crime and Delinquency to conduct the study; ~~and to gather input~~ <--
6 ~~from all of the following:~~

7 ~~(1) The Office of Attorney General.~~

8 ~~(2) The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.~~

9 ~~(3) The Pennsylvania State Police.~~

10 ~~(4) The Pennsylvania Association of School Business~~
11 ~~officials.~~

12 ~~(5) The Pennsylvania Association of School~~
13 ~~Administrators.~~

14 ~~(6) The State Fraternal Order of Police.~~

15 ~~(7) The Pennsylvania Psychological Association.~~

16 ~~(8) The Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Social Work.~~

17 ~~(9) The American Institute of Architects of~~
18 ~~Pennsylvania.~~

19 ~~(10) The Pennsylvania Principals Association.~~

20 ~~(11) The Pennsylvania State Education Association.~~

21 ~~(12) The Pennsylvania School Boards Association;~~

22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
24 report its findings and recommendations to the Appropriations
25 Committee of the Senate, the Appropriations Committee of the
26 House of Representatives, the Education Committee of the Senate
27 and the Education Committee of the House of Representatives no
28 later than November 30, 2024.