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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Mike Reese, Member 

DATE: April 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation Creating a Charter and Cyber Charter School Funding Advisory Committee

I intend to introduce legislation which would amend charter and cyber charter school laws in Pennsylvania's Public School Code. The legislation would create the Charter School and Cyber Charter School Funding Advisory Committee, which would study the funding formulas and mechanisms currently used to fund these educational institutions.

Since the inception of charter schools, which was then followed by cyber charter schools, student funding was calculated, in short, by what it cost to educate students at their home school district. However, there is little information available as to what the costs are of this educational method.

The committee will be comprised of various stakeholders in this issue including charter schools, cyber charter schools, teachers, school administrators, school board members, parents, legislators, and the Department of Education. The committee will have one year to study the funding process, including developing a per-pupil cost for educating a student in both the charter and cyber charter methods and reporting its findings to the Governor's office and the Senate and House Education Committees.

To co-sponsor my legislation, please contact Jordan Frei via e-mail at jfrei@pahousegov.com.