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**TO: All House Members**

**FROM: Representative Randy Vulakovich**

**DATE: February 22, 2012**

**SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship –Task Force within the Department of Education**

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation to form a task force to look comprehensively at educational services provided to homeless families and youth in this Commonwealth. This 19 member task force will be chaired by the Secretary of Education and comprised of the Secretaries of Public Welfare and Health; the chairperson of the PA Housing Finance Authority (PHFA); leaders in local agencies assisting homeless families; as well as representatives of school districts, intermediate units, and social services providers from across the Commonwealth.

The overall goal of the task force is to examine the educational needs and status of homeless children in this Commonwealth in order to develop and recommend a Statewide proposal to provide a strong educational foundation for homeless children. In one year from its organizational meeting, the task force is charged with providing a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Minority Leader of the House and the chairmen and minority chairman of the Education Committees of the House and Senate.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Pat Geiger at 717-260-6407 or at [pgeiger@pahousegop.com](mailto:pgeiger@pahousegop.com).

Thank you for your kind consideration of this legislation.

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