

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Gary Day
DATE: January 15, 2013
RE: Proposed Resolution: Select Committee on School Safety and Security

I am preparing to introduce a resolution calling for the House of Representatives to establish a select committee to investigate, review and make recommendations regarding:

- Security policies and procedures in public and nonpublic schools and institutions of higher education in this Commonwealth;
- State laws and regulations related to school safety and security;
- Early detection of potentially violent perpetrators; and
- Any potential budgetary, revenue and governance reforms necessary to address these matters.

The select committee would be empowered to call witnesses, including but not limited to representatives of the Office of Safe Schools within the Department of Education and the Safe Schools Advocate for the School District of Philadelphia, to answer questions and provide information and documents the committee deems necessary to conduct its investigation. The select committee must submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives by September 30, 2013.

My proposal represents a thoughtful approach to addressing current concerns regarding school safety and security. Formation of a select committee on school safety and security will allow the House of Representatives to examine and understand thoroughly the current status of school security policies and procedures and relevant state law before new school safety legislation is proposed.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Heather Epler at (717) 787-3017 or at helper@pahousegop.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment: Copy of proposed Resolution