

## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a  
2 study and publish an electronic report on the potential  
3 savings by school districts that adopt certain operations  
4 management practices intended to optimize classroom  
5 capacities.

6 WHEREAS, The Constitution of Pennsylvania requires the  
7 General Assembly to provide for the maintenance and support of a  
8 thorough and efficient system of public education to serve the  
9 needs of this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, Redistricting is a process that school districts  
11 typically use every five to ten years to balance student  
12 populations between school buildings within a school district;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, School districts rarely redistrict due to costs and  
15 the emotional distress experienced by the community as a result  
16 of transferring large percentages of students to different  
17 school buildings; and

18 WHEREAS, Logistics professionals in this Commonwealth already  
19 use existing technology, such as geographic information system

1 software and optimization computer programs, that add value for  
2 their stakeholders; and

3 WHEREAS, The rising cost of education continues to elevate  
4 the importance of exploring any and all potential methods to  
5 achieve cost savings and improve academic outcomes; and

6 WHEREAS, Greater efficiency could fund full-day kindergarten,  
7 provide property tax relief and lead to smaller class sizes; and

8 WHEREAS, Proper balancing of student populations between  
9 classrooms helps to ensure equal educational opportunities for  
10 students and greater fairness in evaluating the performance of  
11 teaching professionals; and

12 WHEREAS, A more granular and dynamic redistricting process  
13 that focuses on balancing student populations between classrooms  
14 within a school district instead of between school buildings  
15 could save money, reduce emotional distress, eliminate  
16 unnecessary student transfers, shorten bus rides, ensure equal  
17 educational opportunities and ensure fairness in teacher  
18 evaluations; therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
20 State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive, school  
21 district-by-school district study of the potential savings that  
22 could be realized by each school district in this Commonwealth  
23 by moving to a more frequent, flexible and proactive  
24 redistricting program that prioritizes balancing of class sizes  
25 over school populations; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission publish  
27 an electronic report of the results of the study on the  
28 commission's publicly accessible Internet website within one  
29 year of the adoption of this resolution; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission not

1 publish hard copies of the report; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the report include an estimate of the  
3 potential savings for each school district in this Commonwealth;  
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the report be sortable by school district,  
6 student population or the amount of the potential savings; and  
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the report be downloadable by users of the  
9 commission's website; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission notify  
11 all members of the General Assembly when the electronic report  
12 is available for public access.