
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 7, 2017

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study and issue a report on the Federal, State and
3 city funds allocated to the School District of Philadelphia
4 and urging the Auditor General to conduct a forensic audit of
5 the expenditures of the School District of Philadelphia and
6 issue a report.

7 WHEREAS, The School District of Philadelphia's finances
8 appear to reflect a gap between revenues and expenses that will
9 continue to grow if left uncorrected; and

10 WHEREAS, The school district's expenditures have outpaced
11 revenues, requiring significant reductions in services to
12 students; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to the operating budget, the district
14 will receive Federal, State and city funds for fiscal year 2017-
15 2018; and

16 WHEREAS, The General Assembly cannot, in good conscience,
17 continue to spend increasing amounts of taxpayer money on the
18 School District of Philadelphia without a greater level of
19 accountability regarding how the district and the School Reform

1 Commission spend the funding they receive; and

2 WHEREAS, The General Assembly must receive more detailed
3 information regarding the school district's finances, including,
4 but not limited to, its expenditure of Federal, State and city
5 funds; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
7 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a
8 comprehensive study of the Federal, State and city funds
9 allocated to the School District of Philadelphia and how these
10 funds have been spent and prepare a report of its findings; and
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
13 submit a report of its findings to the House of Representatives
14 and the Auditor General within one year of the adoption of this
15 resolution; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Auditor
17 General to conduct a forensic audit of the School District of
18 Philadelphia based on the Legislative Budget and Finance
19 Committee's report to provide a complete picture of the
20 district's finances, expenditures and use of funds and grants
21 since 2008; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General submit a report with its
23 findings and recommendations to the General Assembly within six
24 months of receiving the Legislative Budget and Finance
25 Committee's report to aid the school district's current fiscal
26 crisis; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the forensic audit address any improprieties,
28 negligence or misuse of funds.