
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 496 Session of
2014

INTRODUCED BY MENSCH, DINNIMAN, FERLO, FONTANA, WASHINGTON,
STACK, TEPLITZ, GREENLEAF, SOLOBAY, SMITH, KITCHEN, ERICKSON,
WOZNIAK, RAFFERTY, PILEGGI, BREWSTER, ARGALL, ALLOWAY, WHITE,
TARTAGLIONE, VULAKOVICH, SCHWANK, HUGHES, COSTA AND FARNESE,
OCTOBER 15, 2014

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED, OCTOBER 15, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 25 through November 1, 2014, as
2 "Pennsylvania Education for Youth Experiencing Homelessness
3 Awareness Week."

4 WHEREAS, In the 2012-2013 school year, 22,618 students in
5 Pennsylvania schools were homeless or without adequate housing;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The purpose of this resolution is to educate the
8 public about the prevalence of youth experiencing homelessness,
9 the barriers that may prevent youth from attending school and
10 the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act that all schools must
11 comply with to overcome those barriers; and

12 WHEREAS, There are limited resources available to youth
13 experiencing homelessness, including the shortage of affordable
14 housing for displaced minors; and

15 WHEREAS, Homeless assistance service providers, as well as
16 community service opportunities for students and school service
17 organizations need public support; and

1 WHEREAS, There are many organizations committed to sheltering
2 and providing supportive services, meals and food supplies to
3 people experiencing homelessness; and

4 WHEREAS, There is still a dire need for additional resources
5 to assist students experiencing homelessness to attend school
6 and be successful, including the basic needs of food, clothing
7 and education supplies; and

8 WHEREAS, The purpose of Pennsylvania Education for Youth
9 Experiencing Homelessness Awareness Week is to encourage
10 schools, communities and individuals to plan for and support
11 assistance programs for youth experiencing homelessness as they
12 look to complete their education; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate the week of October 25
14 through November 1, 2014, as "Pennsylvania Education for Youth
15 Experiencing Homelessness Awareness Week"; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate urge all citizens to recognize that
17 homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many youth
18 and families in this Commonwealth and encourage individuals and
19 organizations to support the many youth who are homeless.