

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 138 Session of
1983

INTRODUCED BY GALLAGHER, COLE, MILLER, FISCHER, MORRIS, COY,
LESCOVITZ AND COLAFELLA, OCTOBER 4, 1983

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 11, 1983

A RESOLUTION

1 Providing for the appointment of a select committee to review
2 and investigate the Commonwealth's compliance with Act 93 of
3 1978.

4 WHEREAS, The General Assembly acknowledged the plight of the
5 migrant and seasonal farm worker in Pennsylvania by enacting the
6 act of June 23, 1978 (P.L.537, No.93), known as the Seasonal
7 Farm Labor Act, with the declared intent to "improve the
8 conditions of seasonal farm workers by establishing standards
9 for their wages, hours, conditions of work, housing, sanitation,
10 food facilities, fire protection and safety"; and

11 WHEREAS, The Congress and the President of the United States
12 enacted the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection
13 Act (Public Law 97-470) on January 14, 1983, to improve and
14 expand existing Federal law; and

15 WHEREAS, The Federal Government, under the provisions of
16 Chapter I of the Education Consolidated Improvement Act,
17 provides \$1,883,483 to the Commonwealth for the education of
18 migrant and seasonal farm workers' children; and

1 WHEREAS, There is a need to review the Seasonal Farm Labor
2 Act to bring it into compliance with the new Federal law; and

3 WHEREAS, Litigation has been undertaken and questions have
4 been raised regarding the Commonwealth's implementation of the
5 Seasonal Farm Labor Act; and

6 WHEREAS, The education of migrant and seasonal farm workers'
7 children is an important and integral part of the services
8 provided by the Commonwealth; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
10 appoint a select committee of nine members: three members from
11 the Labor Relations Committee, three members from the
12 Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee and three members from
13 the Education Committee, two members from the majority party and
14 one from the minority party to make a complete and thorough
15 review and investigation of the Commonwealth's compliance under
16 the act of June 23, 1978 (P.L.537, No.93), known as the Seasonal
17 Farm Labor Act, the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker
18 Protection Act (Public Law 97-470) and the Department of
19 Education's Migrant Education Program as funded by Chapter I of
20 the Education Consolidated Improvement Act; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
22 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems
23 necessary within this Commonwealth; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
25 and recommendations to the House of Representatives as soon as
26 practicable.