

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AS AMENDED, MAY 29, 1990

## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Education Committee to review the extent of the  
2 deferred maintenance, capital renovation and construction  
3 needs of the State-related universities in the State <—  
4 COMMONWEALTH System of Higher Education. <—

5 WHEREAS, The University of Pittsburgh, The Pennsylvania State  
6 University, Temple University and Lincoln University are members  
7 of the State COMMONWEALTH System of Higher Education; and <—

8 WHEREAS, The enormous cost of maintaining and renovating the  
9 existing physical plants of these universities, combined with  
10 the potential expense for new educational facilities necessary  
11 to accommodate advancing technologies and growing numbers of  
12 students, places a great strain on university budgets; and

13 WHEREAS, There exists, primarily for financial reasons, a  
14 significant backlog of maintenance projects which have been  
15 deferred by these universities over the years, thereby further  
16 contributing to the long-term costs associated with renovating  
17 facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth budget projections for capital

1 requirements for all of the Department of Education's higher  
2 education capital budget needs average \$51,000,000 for each of  
3 the next five years, while recent reports indicate a much  
4 greater magnitude of need; therefore be it

5       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
6 Education Committee to investigate the factors contributing to  
7 the current situation and to determine appropriate actions for  
8 the commonwealth to take to help alleviate or stabilize the  
9 problem; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take  
11 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems  
12 necessary in this Commonwealth. Each member of the committee  
13 shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations to  
14 witnesses appearing before the committee; and be it further

15       RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings  
16 and recommendations to the House of Representatives as soon as  
17 possible.