
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
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A RESOLUTION

1 Requiring a study to determine the feasibility of creating a
2 voluntary residential school program.

3 WHEREAS, Many child service professionals support group homes
4 and other stable alternatives to foster homes and similarly
5 unsettled living arrangements for disadvantaged children; and

6 WHEREAS, Many parents living on poverty incomes believe their
7 children are not being educated in an environment conducive to
8 learning, but they lack the resources needed to provide better
9 educational environments for their children; and

10 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth could help low-income parents send
11 their children to residential schools, on a strictly voluntary
12 basis, by applying each child's existing education and welfare
13 funds toward tuition; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has an excellent model of a successful
15 residential school for disadvantaged children in the Scotland
16 School for Veterans' Children; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report
2 to the General Assembly on the feasibility of creating a
3 voluntary residential school program; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission appoint
5 a working group of legislators, educators, child care
6 professionals, and other interested public officials and private
7 citizens to assist in the development of the plan; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report
10 its findings to the General Assembly by October 30, 1995.