
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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LAVALLE, O'PAKE, C. WILLIAMS, CONTI, A. WILLIAMS, WAUGH AND
LEMOND, APRIL 29, 2002

REFERRED TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, APRIL 29, 2002

A RESOLUTION

1 Informing the National Science Foundation of the support of the
2 Senate of Pennsylvania for the Basic Education/Higher
3 Education Science and Technology Partnership currently
4 serving the Commonwealth and urging funding for this effort
5 through the foundation's Math and Science Partnership.

6 WHEREAS, The Basic Education/Higher Education Science and
7 Technology Partnership has launched programs across the
8 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and serves students in our poorest
9 urban and rural areas and areas with the highest minority
10 enrollments; and

11 WHEREAS, The partnership has through 15 years of experience
12 demonstrated the ability to increase student learning in the
13 sciences at rates above those for nonparticipating students; and

14 WHEREAS, This program is comprehensive, tying together state-
15 of-the-art resources, professional development and curriculum
16 development; and

17 WHEREAS, This program is critical to students meeting the new
18 math and science standards enacted by the Commonwealth of

1 Pennsylvania; and

2 WHEREAS, The Subcommittee on School Finance of the Senate of
3 Pennsylvania has singled out this program as being a cost-
4 effective way to provide resources for schools and to address
5 disparities in educational programs available in smaller
6 schools; and

7 WHEREAS, The Keystone Commission on Education for Employment
8 in the 21st Century commended this partnership as being critical
9 to workforce development because of its use of advanced
10 instrumentation in the classroom; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has already
12 committed financial resources and support for the pilot Math and
13 Science Partnership; and

14 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has more than 150 colleges and
15 universities, providing ample sites for a future comprehensive
16 Math and Science Partnership; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of Pennsylvania urge the National
18 Science Foundation to support the Basic Education/Higher
19 Education Science and Technology Partnership through the
20 foundation's Math and Science Partnership.