
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 423 Session of
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INTRODUCED BY PETRI, SCAVELLO, GINGRICH, MILLARD, MURT, O'NEILL,
REICHLEY, TOOHIL, SCHRODER, KAUFFMAN AND WATSON,
SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, SEPTEMBER 29, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study
2 existing State aid funding formulas.

3 WHEREAS, The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is a
4 bipartisan, bicameral legislative service agency consisting of
5 12 members of the General Assembly established by statute to
6 conduct studies and make recommendations aimed at eliminating
7 unnecessary expenditures, to promote economy in State government
8 and to assure that Commonwealth funds are being expended in
9 accordance with legislative intent and law; and

10 WHEREAS, The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is
11 authorized to conduct a wide range of research activities
12 pertaining to the operation and performance of State-funded
13 programs and agencies; and

14 WHEREAS, Existing State aid formulas do not adjust for
15 population or client growth, despite the inherent and increasing
16 unfairness this places on Pennsylvania residents and taxpayers;
17 and

1 WHEREAS, Those counties in this Commonwealth which have
2 experienced the greatest increases in population growth have
3 incurred dramatic reductions in per person funding, per client
4 funding, or both, because State aid formulas have not been
5 adjusted to account for the population and/or client growth;
6 therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
8 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study all existing
9 State aid funding formulas and their impact on the 67 counties
10 of this Commonwealth; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That, in furtherance of its study, the Legislative
12 Budget and Finance Committee:

13 (1) Identify existing State aid funding formulas
14 currently in use in this Commonwealth.

15 (2) Determine the criteria used to distribute funding
16 under each of the current State funding formulas.

17 (3) Develop criteria to measure the impact of
18 population-based State aid funding formulas.

19 (4) Develop criteria to measure the impact of client-
20 based State aid funding formulas.

21 (5) Determine what data should be used to accurately
22 reflect population/client enrollment.

23 (6) Determine how and when to adjust State aid funding
24 formulas to accurately reflect population/client enrollment
25 shifts between the counties of this Commonwealth.

26 (7) Report its findings, conclusions and recommendations
27 to the House of Representatives within 120 days.