

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 800 Session of
2012

INTRODUCED BY DERMODY, JULY 2, 2012

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JULY 2, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study to evaluate the delivery of services by
3 charter schools, including cyber charter schools, in this
4 Commonwealth and track the use of funds received from the
5 Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, Annually, the Commonwealth provides millions of
7 taxpayer dollars to fund private nonprofit and for-profit
8 entities to establish and maintain charter schools that operate
9 independently from the existing public school district
10 structure; and

11 WHEREAS, The purpose of these charter schools is to, among
12 other things, improve student learning, increase learning
13 opportunities for all students, create new professional
14 opportunities for teachers and provide parents and students with
15 expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities that
16 are available within the public school system; and

17 WHEREAS, There has been no accountability by these entities
18 regarding the use of the funds received from the Commonwealth;
19 therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the

1 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study to
2 evaluate the delivery of services by charter schools, including
3 cyber charter schools, in this Commonwealth and track the use of
4 funds received from the Commonwealth; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee,
6 in consultation and cooperation with the Department of
7 Education, collect and compile information regarding the
8 expenditures by each individual or entity that owns and/or
9 operates a charter school, including a cyber charter school,
10 receiving Commonwealth funds, including the compensation of
11 executives and the 20 highest paid employees, association dues,
12 debts, assets, lobbying expenses, administrative expenses,
13 operating costs and the indirect and direct costs of delivering
14 services in this Commonwealth; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
16 prepare a report regarding the expenditures of each individual
17 or entity that owns and/or operates a charter school, including
18 a cyber charter school, and other information the committee
19 deems relevant; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the report shall include recommendations to
21 address the efficiency and quality of services provided by
22 charter schools, including cyber charter schools, in this
23 Commonwealth and to address the accountability of expenditure of
24 funds; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the report shall be submitted to the Majority
26 and Minority Chairs of the Education Committee and the
27 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives by
28 April 1, 2013.