

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, OCTOBER 6, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Auditor General, with the assistance of the City
2 Controller of Philadelphia, to conduct a forensic audit of
3 the School District of Philadelphia to provide a greater
4 degree of transparency into the district's finances,
5 particularly the expenditure of Federal, State and city
6 funding and to require a report disseminating the findings of
7 the audit.

8 WHEREAS, The School District of Philadelphia's finances
9 appear to reflect a gap between revenues and expenses that will
10 continue to grow if left uncorrected; and

11 WHEREAS, The school district's expenditures have outpaced
12 revenues, requiring significant reductions in services to
13 students; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to the operating budget, the district
15 will receive Federal, State and city funds for fiscal year 2014-
16 2015; and

17 WHEREAS, The General Assembly cannot, in good conscience,
18 continue to spend increasing amounts of taxpayer money on the
19 School District of Philadelphia without a greater level of

1 accountability regarding how the district and the School Reform
2 Commission spend the funding they receive; and

3 WHEREAS, The General Assembly must receive more detailed
4 information regarding the school district's finances, including,
5 but not limited to, its expenditure of Federal, State and city
6 funds; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Auditor
8 General, with the assistance of the City Controller of
9 Philadelphia, to conduct a forensic audit of the School District
10 of Philadelphia to provide a complete picture of the district's
11 finances, expenditures and use of funds and grants since 2008
12 and create and submit a report to the General Assembly with
13 findings and recommendations to aid in fixing the school
14 district's current fiscal crisis within six months of the
15 adoption of this resolution; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the forensic audit address any improprieties,
17 negligence or misuse of funds.