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A JOINT RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania, further providing for a public school
3 system.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby resolves as follows:

6 Section 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of
7 Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI:

8 That section 14 of Article III be amended to read:

9 § 14. Public school system.

10 The General Assembly shall provide for the maintenance and
11 support of a thorough and efficient system of public education
12 to serve the needs of the Commonwealth. The funding mechanism by
13 which the General Assembly provides for substantial and general
14 support for public education to satisfy its obligation under
15 this section shall provide for the allocation and distribution
16 of funding based upon the actual student enrollment in each
17 school district for the school year immediately preceding the
18 school year for which funding is being allocated and distributed

1 and not based upon the amount of funding a school district
2 received in a previous school year.

3 Section 2. (a) Upon the first passage by the General
4 Assembly of this proposed constitutional amendment, the
5 Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to
6 comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article
7 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the
8 required advertisements to two newspapers in every county in
9 which such newspapers are published in sufficient time after
10 passage of this proposed constitutional amendment.

11 (b) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of this
12 proposed constitutional amendment, the Secretary of the
13 Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the
14 advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the
15 Constitution of Pennsylvania and shall transmit the required
16 advertisements to two newspapers in every county in which such
17 newspapers are published in sufficient time after passage of
18 this proposed constitutional amendment. The Secretary of the
19 Commonwealth shall submit this proposed constitutional amendment
20 to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first
21 primary, general or municipal election which meets the
22 requirements of and is in conformance with section 1 of Article
23 XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania and which occurs at least
24 three months after the proposed constitutional amendment is
25 passed by the General Assembly.