
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JUNE 6, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JUNE 6, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to revisit the Healthy,
2 Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 to allow students the
3 flexibility to choose their beverages and healthy foods they
4 consume.

5 WHEREAS, Hunger is a reality for many students, with one in
6 six children in this Commonwealth experiencing severe hunger;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Research states that three out of four teachers say
9 that some of their students regularly come to school hungry; and

10 WHEREAS, We are still fighting hunger in our children while a
11 multitude of food is being wasted; and

12 WHEREAS, On average 30.5 million lunches are served daily
13 across the nation; and

14 WHEREAS, Schools across the nation waste an estimated \$1.2
15 billion of food each year; and

16 WHEREAS, With the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 in
17 effect, students must take a certain number of items, including

1 a fruit or vegetable; and

2 WHEREAS, The schools must serve the same size meals to
3 kindergartners, for whom the lunch may be too large, and older
4 students, for whom the lunch may not be large enough; and

5 WHEREAS, Research shows many students were taking the
6 required healthier options and throwing them into the trash; and

7 WHEREAS, Food waste increased by 56% after the enactment of
8 the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010; and

9 WHEREAS, One of the major items wasted is milk; and

10 WHEREAS, We recognize the nutritional role that milk plays in
11 helping school-age children grow and develop to their full
12 potential; and

13 WHEREAS, Milk is a major source of nine essential vitamins
14 and minerals in a child's diet; and

15 WHEREAS, Most children and adolescents consume on average
16 only about half of the recommended daily amount of dairy foods;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, It is in our best interest to promote the health of
19 our student population by encouraging and promoting consumption
20 of milk in schools; and

21 WHEREAS, It is necessary for individual schools and school
22 districts to determine which milk fat varieties to offer their
23 students; therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
25 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
26 States to revisit the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 to
27 allow students the flexibility to choose their beverages and
28 healthy foods they consume; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
30 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of

1 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
2 Pennsylvania.