
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH, APRIL 2, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to establish an
2 advisory committee to conduct a study of the Commonwealth's
3 current return on investments regarding after-school programs
4 and provide feedback on developing a means to capture
5 outcomes for the purpose of bolstering return on investments
6 for after-school programs.

7 WHEREAS, After-school programs offer many opportunities to
8 complement and enhance the academic learning that takes place in
9 school; and

10 WHEREAS, These programs provide strategic enhancements for
11 the engagement of children and youth in a variety of positive
12 social, recreational and academic activities; and

13 WHEREAS, Available resources and access to these
14 opportunities do not exist universally and many poor youths do
15 not have access to after-school programs; and

16 WHEREAS, It is necessary to set up a process to gather
17 statistics and data on the return on investment for after-school
18 programs when looking to find dedicated funding sources from the
19 General Assembly is a challenging task due in part to not having

1 statistics on the return on investments for after-school
2 programs in this Commonwealth; and

3 WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of the General Assembly to
4 govern this Commonwealth in a manner that aids and assists the
5 residents of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, After-school programs have the power to aid in that
7 mission and propel our youth into the future; therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
9 State Government Commission to establish an advisory committee
10 to conduct a study on the return on investments for after-school
11 programs as they relate to the following outcomes:

12 (1) the improvement of social, emotional, academic and
13 career readiness competencies of school-age children
14 including 21st century skill-building;

15 (2) the reduction of other negative behaviors such as
16 violence and crime, adolescent pregnancies, tobacco, alcohol
17 and substance abuse, disengagement from school, school
18 suspension and truancy and health-compromising behaviors; and

19 (3) providing working families with a safe after-school
20 environment for their children and employment opportunities
21 in this Commonwealth within the field due to increased
22 demand;

23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission provide
25 feedback on the feasibility of the Commonwealth investing in
26 after-school programs and track the impact of after-school
27 programs in this Commonwealth; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission
29 establish an advisory committee consisting of:

30 (1) one police chief;

- 1 (2) one juvenile public defender or district attorney;
- 2 (3) one representative from the Department of Health or
- 3 State Health Improvement Plan Task Force;
- 4 (4) one rural school superintendent;
- 5 (5) one suburban school superintendent;
- 6 (6) one urban school superintendent;
- 7 (7) one school board member;
- 8 (8) one certified public school teacher;
- 9 (9) one parent of a student enrolled in a public school;
- 10 (10) one individual representing the interests of
- 11 juveniles and of students with disabilities;
- 12 (11) one representative from the Pennsylvania Statewide
- 13 Afterschool/Youth Development Network;
- 14 (12) one representative of the Juvenile Justice and
- 15 Delinquency Prevention Committee of the Pennsylvania
- 16 Commission on Crime and Delinquency;
- 17 (13) one representative of the Pennsylvania Department
- 18 of Education;
- 19 (14) one representative of two Statewide nonprofit
- 20 organizations that offer after-school programs;
- 21 (15) one individual from a qualified 501(c)(3)
- 22 organization that is affiliated and in good standing with a
- 23 national congressionally chartered organization that adheres
- 24 to the organization's standards and provides activities
- 25 designed for recreational, educational and character-building
- 26 purposes for children between 6 and 17 years of age;
- 27 (16) one representative of the State Board of Education;
- 28 (17) one representative who is a youth being served by
- 29 an after-school program;
- 30 (18) one representative who is a director of a

1 Pennsylvania after-school program; and

2 (19) one representative who is a field staff member of a

3 Pennsylvania after-school program;

4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission report

6 to the House of Representatives the result of the study and

7 recommendations regarding the return on investments for after-

8 school programs in this Commonwealth and file the report with

9 the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives no later than

10 365 days after adoption of this resolution.