
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY FITZGERALD, KINSEY, ROEBUCK, YOUNGBLOOD, HILL-
EVANS, SCHLOSSBERG, RABB, T. DAVIS, HOHENSTEIN, FREEMAN,
ULLMAN, LONGIETTI, KORTZ, WARREN, MURT, STURLA, NEILSON AND
OTTEN, APRIL 16, 2019

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 16, 2019

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Department of Education to contract with an
2 independent third party to determine the economic impact of
3 universal full-day kindergarten.

4 WHEREAS, School boards in this Commonwealth are authorized,
5 but are not mandated, to establish kindergarten programs for
6 children between four and six years of age; and

7 WHEREAS, An estimated 49,339 children five years of age are
8 not currently enrolled in school; and

9 WHEREAS, An estimated 20,000 children in Pennsylvania served
10 by publicly funded prekindergarten programs do not have access
11 to free, full-day kindergarten; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the
13 Department of Education to contract with an independent third
14 party to determine the economic impact of universal full-day
15 kindergarten; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the study include, but not be limited to, the
17 impact and costs related to staffing, school facilities,

1 administrators, teachers, out-of-school providers, parents and
2 guardians; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Department of Education submit the study
4 to the General Assembly and post the study on the department's
5 publicly accessible Internet website within one year of the
6 adoption of this resolution.