
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SCHWANK, COSTA, BLAKE, TARTAGLIONE AND HUGHES, APRIL 25, 2019

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

16 RESOLVED, That the study include, but not be limited to, the
17 impact and costs related to staffing, school facilities,
18 administrators, teachers, out-of-school providers, parents and

1 guardians; and be it further

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