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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, McNEILL, KINSEY, ROZZI, SCHLOSSBERG,  
SANCHEZ AND N. NELSON, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a  
2 comprehensive study of the viability, benefits and costs of  
3 establishing a consolidated, county-led busing of all private  
4 and public school students.

5 WHEREAS, Some counties in this Commonwealth are currently in  
6 the process of consolidating transportation services, while  
7 other counties are considering consolidation as an option; and

8 WHEREAS, Research shows that consolidating transportation  
9 services has saved counties a significant amount of money; and

10 WHEREAS, However, there has been little conversation to  
11 consolidate school transportation services in this Commonwealth;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In 2016, the United States spent \$943 per student on  
14 public school transportation; and

15 WHEREAS, In this Commonwealth, school district transportation  
16 costs cover approximately half of the pupil transportation  
17 subsidy; and

18 WHEREAS, As with county transportation services,  
19 consolidating school transportation would likely save districts

1 more money that could be spent on bettering education services,  
2 improving health services in the midst of a global health crisis  
3 and reducing property taxes; and

4 WHEREAS, As of the time of this resolution, Pennsylvania law  
5 currently requires school districts to provide transportation  
6 for charter school students, but not every student; therefore be  
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
9 State Government Commission to conduct a study on the  
10 consolidation of school transportation services for all private  
11 and public school students; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the study consist of information on the  
13 viability, benefits and costs of establishing a consolidation;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission, in  
16 conducting the study, shall:

17 (1) evaluate the cost savings and efficiencies that may  
18 materialize as a result of consolidating school  
19 transportation services, including personnel, equipment and  
20 facilities;

21 (2) review cases in other states where school  
22 transportation services are effectively governed under a  
23 single school entity;

24 (3) evaluate and make recommendations on how to manage a  
25 district's debt as a result of the consolidation of school  
26 transportation services; and

27 (4) propose legislation required to implement the  
28 consolidation of school transportation services;

29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a

1 report with its findings and recommendations within 12 months of  
2 the adoption of this resolution to the Education Committee and  
3 Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.