

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, HILL-EVANS, MADDEN, KINSEY, SCHLOSSBERG,
GUENST, DELLOSO, SANCHEZ, MERSKI, BOBACK, McNEILL AND
D. WILLIAMS, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a
2 comprehensive study and issue a report on Junior Reserve
3 Officers' Training Corps programs in schools in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
5 was created to instill in students the values of citizenship,
6 service and personal responsibility; and

7 WHEREAS, JROTC offers a curriculum that meets the common core
8 State standards and provides lessons in leadership, health and
9 wellness, physical fitness, first aid, geography, American
10 history and government, communications and emotional
11 intelligence; and

12 WHEREAS, Each military branch offers its own JROTC program;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, School districts must apply to a specific military
15 branch to implement a JROTC unit and commit to share costs and
16 meet program requirements; and

17 WHEREAS, A JROTC unit may not be established or maintained at

1 a school unless certain enrollment requirements are met; and

2 WHEREAS, Not all schools in this Commonwealth offer a JROTC
3 program; and

4 WHEREAS, JROTC programs can provide students with the
5 opportunity to develop important life skills and gain exposure
6 to military service, which they may choose to pursue in the
7 future; and

8 WHEREAS, Little information is known about the health and
9 availability of JROTC programs in schools across this
10 Commonwealth and what factors contribute to those trends; and

11 WHEREAS, It is unclear what challenges school districts face
12 when attempting to establish a JROTC unit, which may lead some
13 school districts to choose not to pursue the establishment of a
14 JROTC unit; therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
16 State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study and
17 issue a report on Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
18 programs in schools in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That, at minimum, the study consist of an analysis
20 of the following information:

21 (1) the overall health of JROTC programs in
22 Pennsylvania;

23 (2) trends in enrollment and availability of JROTC
24 programs; and

25 (3) contributing factors to the health, enrollment and
26 availability of JROTC programs;

27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission submit a
29 report of the study's findings with legislative recommendations
30 to the General Assembly within 18 months of the adoption of this

1 resolution.