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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 29 Session of 2023

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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, BURGOS, MADDEN, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS,  
DEASY AND CIRESI, MARCH 10, 2023

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, MARCH 10, 2023

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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 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, Despite the possible cost savings, there has been  
11 little effort to discuss the consolidation of school  
12 transportation services in this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2019, the United States spent \$1,152 per student  
14 on 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 requires school districts to provide transportation for charter  
6 school students, but not every student; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint  
8 State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study of  
9 the viability, benefits and costs of establishing consolidated,  
10 county-led busing of all private and public school students; and  
11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission, in  
13 conducting the study, shall:

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

18 (2) review cases in other states where school  
19 transportation services are effectively governed under a  
20 single school entity;

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

24 (4) propose legislation required to implement the  
25 consolidation of school transportation services;

26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a  
28 report with its findings and recommendations within 12 months of  
29 the adoption of this resolution to the Education Committee of  
30 the House of Representatives and the Transportation Committee of

1 the House of Representatives.