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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY PETRI, AUMENT, CLYMER, EMRICK, FARRY, GINGRICH,  
GRELL, GROVE, KAUFFMAN, MILLARD, MILLER, MILNE, O'NEILL,  
STURLA, TALLMAN AND GILLEN, JANUARY 23, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, JANUARY 23, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study  
2 existing State aid funding formulas.

3 WHEREAS, The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is a  
4 bipartisan, bicameral legislative service agency consisting of  
5 12 members of the General Assembly established by statute to  
6 conduct studies and make recommendations aimed at eliminating  
7 unnecessary expenditures, to promote economy in State government  
8 and to assure that Commonwealth funds are being expended in  
9 accordance with legislative intent and law; and

10 WHEREAS, The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee is  
11 authorized to conduct a wide range of research activities  
12 pertaining to the operation and performance of State-funded  
13 programs and agencies; and

14 WHEREAS, Existing State aid formulas do not adjust for  
15 population or client growth, despite the inherent and increasing  
16 unfairness this places on Pennsylvania residents and taxpayers;  
17 and

1       WHEREAS, Those counties in this Commonwealth which have  
2 experienced the greatest increases in population growth have  
3 incurred dramatic reductions in per person funding, per client  
4 funding, or both, because State aid formulas have not been  
5 adjusted to account for the population and/or client growth;  
6 therefore be it

7       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the  
8 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study all existing  
9 State aid funding formulas and their impact on the 67 counties  
10 of this Commonwealth; and be it further

11       RESOLVED, That, in furtherance of its study, the Legislative  
12 Budget and Finance Committee:

13           (1) Identify existing State aid funding formulas  
14 currently in use in this Commonwealth.

15           (2) Determine the criteria used to distribute funding  
16 under each of the current State funding formulas.

17           (3) Develop criteria to measure the impact of  
18 population-based State aid funding formulas.

19           (4) Develop criteria to measure the impact of client-  
20 based State aid funding formulas.

21           (5) Determine what data should be used to accurately  
22 reflect population/client enrollment.

23           (6) Determine how and when to adjust State aid funding  
24 formulas to accurately reflect population/client enrollment  
25 shifts between the counties of this Commonwealth.

26           (7) Report its findings, conclusions and recommendations  
27 to the House of Representatives within 120 days.