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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study and issue a report on teacher preparatory
3 schools.

4 WHEREAS, It is vital to modernize and improve the system of
5 preparing teachers and holding teacher preparatory schools
6 accountable for the investments made by the Commonwealth; and

7 WHEREAS, Every student deserves an education in which
8 investments are made to ensure that the proper training of
9 teachers exists, which is critical to the success of students
10 and teachers alike; and

11 WHEREAS, The Department of Education finds that high-quality
12 teacher preparation has a greater impact on student learning
13 than other factors; and

14 WHEREAS, Research confirms that the most important in-school
15 factor in a student's success is a strong teacher; and

16 WHEREAS, A recent study conducted by the United States
17 Department of Education finds that when teachers were asked
18 whether they were prepared when they entered their profession, a

1 majority indicated that they were not; and

2 WHEREAS, New standards need to be introduced to better
3 prepare teachers for their professional career in order to
4 better enhance learning outcomes; and

5 WHEREAS, Teacher preparation helps candidates develop the
6 knowledge and skills that they need in the classroom; and

7 WHEREAS, The American Educational Research Association finds
8 that collaborative arrangements between university programs and
9 local school districts have a positive impact on K-12 students
10 in measurable ways, including increases in standardized test
11 scores; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
13 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study and
14 issue a report on teacher preparatory schools; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the report include a review of current laws
16 and regulations of the Commonwealth regarding teacher
17 preparatory schools compared with the current laws and
18 regulations of other states; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
20 submit the report containing its findings and recommendations to
21 the House of Representatives no later than six months after the
22 adoption of this resolution.