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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY TEPLITZ, DINNIMAN, FERLO, STACK, FONTANA, HUGHES,  
YUDICHAK, VULAKOVICH, COSTA, BRUBAKER, HUTCHINSON, BREWSTER,  
VANCE, SCHWANK, KASUNIC, WOZNIAK, SOLOBAY AND TARTAGLIONE,  
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REFERRED TO EDUCATION, MAY 15, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 conduct a comprehensive Statewide costing-out study of  
3 charter schools and cyber charter schools in this  
4 Commonwealth.

5 WHEREAS, Questions are frequently raised regarding inequities  
6 in tuition rates and State funding for charter and cyber charter  
7 education; and

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

12 WHEREAS, The Department of the Auditor General provides  
13 oversight of how Pennsylvania's tax dollars are spent and has  
14 done extensive work on the expenditure of public funds on  
15 charter and cyber charter education; and

16 WHEREAS, The costs associated with education have an impact  
17 on the taxpayers throughout this Commonwealth; therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

1 conduct a comprehensive Statewide costing-out study of charter  
2 schools and cyber charter schools in this Commonwealth; and be  
3 it further

4 RESOLVED, That in furtherance of its study, the Legislative  
5 Budget and Finance Committee, at a minimum, shall:

6 (1) determine the basic actual cost per nonspecial  
7 education students and special education students in a  
8 charter and cyber charter school setting that provides an  
9 education that will permit each student to meet the  
10 Commonwealth's academic standards and assessments;

11 (2) provide a Statewide tuition rate for both charter  
12 schools and cyber charter schools that provides both  
13 equitable and accountable funding to both entities;  
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
16 consult with the Department of the Auditor General in the  
17 development of this study; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
19 prepare a report of all its findings and recommendations of the  
20 costing-out study and submit the report to the Governor, the  
21 President pro tempore of the Senate, the Majority Leader of the  
22 Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the chairman and  
23 minority chairman of the Appropriations Committee of the Senate  
24 and the chairman and minority chairman of the Education  
25 Committee of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
26 Representatives, the Majority Leader of the House of  
27 Representatives, the Minority Leader of the House of  
28 Representatives, the chairman and minority chairman of the  
29 Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives and the  
30 chairman and minority chairman of the Education Committee of the

1 House of Representatives no later than November 30, 2013.