
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ROE, ROTHMAN, RYAN, SCHWEYER, STEPHENS, TOOHL AND
YOUNGBLOOD, APRIL 2, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, APRIL 2, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a select committee to investigate and make a report
2 relating to school violence in this Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, Providing for the safety and well-being of children
4 while attending school is one of the highest priorities of the
5 House of Representatives; and

6 WHEREAS, Multiple levels of influence representing
7 individual, relationship, community and societal factors frame
8 school violence risks and protections as noted by the Centers
9 for Disease Control and Prevention; and

10 WHEREAS, A recent mass-casualty attack at Marjory Stoneman
11 Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, is the latest in a
12 disturbing trend in school violence that requires a holistic
13 approach to address myriad issues; and

14 WHEREAS, Accordingly, policymakers must effect systemic
15 interventions and protocols to curb decades of school violence
16 by individuals who attempt to kill others; and

1 WHEREAS, Policymakers must address behavioral and mental
2 health issues while prioritizing safety, security and
3 developmentally appropriate crisis plans to mitigate the risk of
4 school violence; and

5 WHEREAS, Policymakers must consider the nexus between weapons
6 availability and exposure to gunfire in school environments; and

7 WHEREAS, Lawmakers share an obligation to pursue legislative
8 and administrative remedies and other appropriate measures to
9 mitigate school violence; and

10 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives calls for a
11 comprehensive, coordinated approach to school violence that
12 identifies related risks and protections with the goal of
13 safeguarding students and school personnel in this Commonwealth;
14 therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish a
16 select committee on school violence to investigate and make
17 recommendations regarding:

18 (1) adequacy of security in public and nonpublic schools
19 in this Commonwealth;

20 (2) availability and access to firearms in this
21 Commonwealth;

22 (3) mental health restrictions on access to firearms in
23 this Commonwealth;

24 (4) allocation of law enforcement resources; and

25 (5) other matters the select committee deems necessary
26 to complete its study and report;

27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the select committee be comprised of the
29 following members, to be appointed by the Majority and Minority
30 Leaders of the House of Representatives, in consultation with

1 committee chairs:

2 (1) three members of the Education Committee;

3 (2) three members of the Health Committee;

4 (3) three members of the Judiciary Committee; and

5 (4) two members of the Children and Youth Committee;

6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the select committee elect a chairperson from

8 among its appointed members; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the first meeting of the select committee be

10 convened within 15 days of the adoption of this resolution; and

11 be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the select committee hold hearings, take

13 testimony and make its investigation at the places it deems

14 necessary in this Commonwealth; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the ordinary and reasonable expenses incurred

16 by the select committee be paid from accounts under the control

17 of the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives; and be it

18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the select committee submit a report of its

20 findings together with its recommendations for any appropriate

21 legislation or other action to the House of Representatives

22 within three months of the adoption of this resolution.