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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a  
2 comprehensive review of school safety in this Commonwealth  
3 and report its findings to the Senate.

4 WHEREAS, All students and staff members in this Commonwealth  
5 deserve to attend and work in schools that are safe and free  
6 from the threat of violence; and

7 WHEREAS, The most effective approach to creating safe school  
8 environments requires a comprehensive, coordinated effort by  
9 individual schools, school districts and community leaders; and

10 WHEREAS, Many school districts in this Commonwealth have  
11 implemented policies requiring individual school and  
12 districtwide safety plans, conducted regular audits, deployed  
13 security technology and personnel, conducted drills, provided  
14 training for school employees and implemented partnerships with  
15 local law enforcement and other community agencies to prevent  
16 school violence; and

17 WHEREAS, In the light of violence in schools and other  
18 populated areas, the Senate recognizes the value of studying

1 this vital issue to develop comprehensive solutions to the  
2 problem; therefore be it

3       RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Joint State Government  
4 Commission to:

5           (1) assess the effectiveness of "gun free zones" and  
6 whether they have acted as a deterrent for gun violence;

7           (2) work with the Pennsylvania State Police and others,  
8 to conduct a thorough and comprehensive analysis of the  
9 effectiveness of this Commonwealth's background check system,  
10 including application rejection data and whether any issues  
11 with the background check system have played a role in gun  
12 violence at schools in this Commonwealth;

13           (3) examine school safety measures being utilized by  
14 school districts across this Commonwealth and compare the  
15 safety measures with those used by school districts in other  
16 states;

17           (4) quantify the number of schools that have received a  
18 Risk and Vulnerability Assessment by the Pennsylvania State  
19 Police in the last 10 years and whether the resulting safety  
20 recommendations were acted upon;

21           (5) enumerate all applicable funding sources available  
22 to schools for school safety; and

23           (6) quantify the number of school districts in  
24 compliance with the statutory requirements under 35 Pa.C.S. §  
25 7701(g) and 22 Pa. Code § 10.24;

26 and be it further

27       RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a  
28 report with its findings to the Senate no later than six months  
29 after the adoption of this resolution.