
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 30 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, MADDEN, BURGOS, SANCHEZ, HILL-EVANS,
GUENST, CERRATO AND DELLOSO, MARCH 10, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 10, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a
2 comprehensive study and issue a report on Junior Reserve
3 Officers' Training Corps programs in schools in Pennsylvania.

4 WHEREAS, The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC)
5 was created to instill in students the values of citizenship,
6 service and personal responsibility; and

7 WHEREAS, JROTC offers a curriculum that meets the common core
8 State standards and provides lessons in leadership, health and
9 wellness, physical fitness, first aid, geography, American
10 history and government, communications and emotional
11 intelligence; and

12 WHEREAS, Each military branch offers its own JROTC program;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, School districts must apply to a specific military
15 branch to implement a JROTC unit and commit to share costs and
16 meet program requirements; and

17 WHEREAS, A JROTC unit may not be established or maintained at
18 a school unless certain enrollment requirements are met; and

1 WHEREAS, Not all schools in this Commonwealth offer a JROTC
2 program; and

3 WHEREAS, JROTC programs can provide students with the
4 opportunity to develop important life skills and gain exposure
5 to military service, which they may choose to pursue in the
6 future; and

7 WHEREAS, Little information is known about the health and
8 availability of JROTC programs in schools across this
9 Commonwealth and what factors contribute to those trends; and

10 WHEREAS, It is unclear what challenges school districts face
11 when attempting to establish a JROTC unit, which may lead some
12 school districts to choose not to pursue the establishment of a
13 JROTC unit; therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint
15 State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study and
16 issue a report on Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps
17 programs in schools in Pennsylvania; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That, at minimum, the study consist of an analysis
19 of the following information:

20 (1) the overall health of JROTC programs in
21 Pennsylvania;

22 (2) trends in enrollment and availability of JROTC
23 programs; and

24 (3) contributing factors to the health, enrollment and
25 availability of JROTC programs;

26 and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission submit a
28 report of the study's findings with legislative recommendations
29 to the General Assembly within 18 months of the adoption of this
30 resolution.