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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WEBSTER, HADDOCK, HOWARD, SOLOMON, HILL-EVANS,  
SANCHEZ, MADDEN, NEILSON, CERRATO AND GILLEN, MARCH 3, 2025

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS, MARCH 3, 2025

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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.