

## **LEGISLATIVE CHARGE – SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 4**

**The Commission shall consider national and international best practices in public education funding, in addition to reports and recommendations previously issued regarding Delaware’s education funding system, and shall make recommendations regarding the following:**

- (1) Transitioning to a student-focused funding system and weighting funding based on demographic characteristics of students.
- (2) Introducing more flexibility for the state, districts, and schools to raise and spend resources more effectively for their students.
- (3) Improving the way revenues are collected and allocated for education throughout the State.

**In pursuing the above objectives, the Commission may also consider the following topics:**

- (1) The amount of funding necessary to prepare a student to be successful.
- (2) More effective uses of current funding sources.
- (3) Those groups of students that would benefit the most from receiving additional funding, such as low-income students, high-need students, rural students, and English language learners, and the amount of resources or nature of support that those groups would need to be successful.
- (4) Adequacy of resources available for students with special needs.
- (5) Whether additional resources are needed to better serve students who are homeless, have behavior challenges, or are adjudicated delinquent.
- (6) Whether, and how, different types of funding should be allocated, including operational funds, capital funds, and grants.
- (6) Ways to provide more flexibility for schools and districts to use funding to best serve student needs.
- (7) Current and future system resource constraints and demographic trends.