
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 192 Session of
1993

INTRODUCED BY COWELL, EVANS, BLAUM, RICHARDSON, CALTAGIRONE,
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BATTISTO, OCTOBER 13, 1993

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, OCTOBER 13, 1993

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating a House Select Committee to investigate the issue of
2 violence in our communities and to issue a report on its
3 findings and recommendations.

4 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives directed the House
5 Education Committee to investigate the causes of firearm
6 violence in our schools pursuant to House Resolution No. 139,
7 adopted unanimously on June 22, 1993; and

8 WHEREAS, The House Education Committee has begun an
9 investigation of the causes and extent of the school violence
10 problem in this Commonwealth as directed by House Resolution No.
11 139; and

12 WHEREAS, The House Education Committee has learned through
13 its hearings and investigation to date that the problem of
14 school violence is part of a broader problem of violence among
15 our youth and families in urban and rural communities throughout
16 this Commonwealth; and

17 WHEREAS, The House Education Committee has learned that

1 effects of violent acts not only have implications for our
2 schools, but also for families, communities, the health care
3 system, social service agencies, the courts and the criminal
4 justice system; and

5 WHEREAS, The House Education Committee has learned that there
6 needs to be a comprehensive and coordinated approach to
7 developing strategies and interventions in order to positively
8 and effectively respond to violence; and

9 WHEREAS, These strategies and interventions will require the
10 expertise and cooperation of different disciplines which extend
11 beyond the jurisdiction of the House Education Committee;
12 therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the investigation required of the House
14 Education Committee pursuant to House Resolution No. 139 be
15 redirected to a select committee of the House of Representatives
16 and that the scope of the investigation be expanded to include
17 the study of the causes of violence in our schools and
18 communities and to evaluate programs which seek to prevent
19 violent behavior; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the House Select Committee be comprised of the
21 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the majority
22 chairman and minority chairman of the following House standing
23 committees: Education Committee, Aging and Youth Committee,
24 Health and Welfare Committee, Judiciary Committee and
25 Appropriations Committee and the Majority Policy Committee
26 Chairman and the Minority Policy Committee Chairman; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the members of the select committee shall
29 choose from among themselves a chairman and such other officers
30 as they deem necessary; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the House Select Committee members shall draw
2 upon their existing staff to assist in the work of the House
3 Select Committee; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That State agencies and departments are directed to
5 assist the House Select Committee in its investigation; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That the House Select Committee may hold hearings,
8 take testimony and make its investigations at such places as it
9 deems necessary in this Commonwealth. Each member of the House
10 Select Committee shall have the power to administer oaths and
11 affirmations to witnesses appearing before the House Select
12 Committee; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the House Select Committee prepare a report
14 with findings and recommendations for the members of the House
15 of Representatives and that such report be submitted on or
16 before March 31, 1994.