
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, SEPTEMBER 30, 1997

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging participation by the Commonwealth in the Police Corps
2 program.

3 WHEREAS, The assurance of public safety is an essential
4 function of government necessary to the peaceful conduct of a
5 free society; and

6 WHEREAS, A visible and effective police presence is a proven
7 deterrent to crime and an aid to public safety, especially in
8 combination with policies and programs employing principles of
9 community-oriented policing; and

10 WHEREAS, The capabilities of local police agencies are
11 increasingly impacted by rising rates of violent crime,
12 escalating demand for law enforcement services, and rapidly
13 increasing costs for personnel, training and equipment; and

14 WHEREAS, The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of

1 1994 (Public Law 103-322, 108 Stat. 1902) established the Police
2 Corps program to address violent crime by helping local police
3 and sheriffs' departments increase the number of officers on
4 community patrol; and

5 WHEREAS, The Police Corps program does this by offering
6 scholarships on a competitive basis to college students who
7 agree to serve as police officers for at least four years; and

8 WHEREAS, The Police Corps reduces local costs of hiring and
9 training new officers and provides its participants with 16
10 weeks of rigorous law enforcement training financed by Federal
11 funds; and

12 WHEREAS, Police departments which hire Police Corps
13 participants receive an annual payment of \$10,000 for each of a
14 participant's first four years of service; and

15 WHEREAS, Police Corps participants receive up to \$30,000 for
16 college costs and a \$250 weekly stipend while training; and

17 WHEREAS, States that participate in the program may offer
18 federally funded education assistance amounting to \$7,500 a year
19 to dependent children of all police officers killed in the line
20 of duty while serving in the state; and

21 WHEREAS, Seventeen states are currently participating in the
22 Police Corps program to train and place highly qualified men and
23 women in the service of their municipal police department; and

24 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has twice declined to participate
25 in the program when invited to do so by Police Corps officials;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, In the next several months, a new invitation will be
28 extended to the Commonwealth for the coming Federal fiscal year;
29 therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives urge the Governor

1 to promptly begin preparations to enter into the Police Corps
2 program and submit to the United States Department of Justice a
3 plan for its participation within the required application
4 deadline.