

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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ROAE, K. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STERN, STEVENSON, VULAKOVICH AND
WATSON, JULY 1, 2009

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS, JULY 1, 2009

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a comprehensive survey of all State agencies that
3 provide social services and the cost of those services to
4 individuals and their families who illegally immigrated to
5 the United States and reside in this Commonwealth.

6 WHEREAS, As one of the 13 original colonies, Pennsylvania
7 served as a gateway and welcomed individuals seeking personal
8 and religious freedoms; and

9 WHEREAS, This nation and State, built by the hard work and
10 assimilation of immigrants from all parts of the world, have
11 established laws and standards to provide for methods of legal
12 immigration; and

13 WHEREAS, Thousands of individuals follow those laws and
14 regulations and wait in line to be legal immigrants; and

15 WHEREAS, The continuing migration of illegal immigrants into
16 this nation and State creates burdens not imposed by individuals
17 entering legally; and

1 WHEREAS, One estimate of the total undocumented population
2 residing in this Commonwealth from 2002 to 2004 is between
3 100,000 to 150,000; and

4 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth cannot ignore the health and
5 welfare of undocumented aliens and their children; and

6 WHEREAS, It is necessary to determine their impact on social
7 service programs, such as, but not limited to, food stamps, cash
8 assistance, energy assistance, public education and health
9 services; therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
11 conduct a comprehensive survey relating to resident illegal
12 immigrants and prepare a report of its findings which shall
13 include, at a minimum, all of the following:

14 (1) Identification of all federally and State mandated
15 programs and services provided to all persons and their
16 children who illegally reside in this Commonwealth as
17 undocumented aliens.

18 (2) Identification of revenues and expenditures by
19 source and amount for each of the programs and services.

20 (3) Identification of the number of persons served by
21 each of the programs and services;

22 and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
24 solicit input from all Commonwealth agencies currently providing
25 social services and public assistance programs to individuals
26 and their families who have not legally entered the United
27 States; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
29 make a report of its findings to the House of Representatives
30 within one year of the adoption of this resolution.