

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 2, 2013

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study concerning the consolidation OR MERGER of <--
3 municipal police departments in this Commonwealth.

4 WHEREAS, There are 1,124 municipal police departments serving
5 the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth currently faces a period of fiscal
7 concern that requires each ~~department of State government~~ LEVEL <--
8 OF GOVERNMENT IN THIS COMMONWEALTH to consider avenues of
9 potential reduction in costs and expenditures; and

10 WHEREAS, One potential way to reduce costs while continuing
11 to ensure public safety is to consolidate or merge municipal
12 police departments; therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
14 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study
15 concerning the consolidation OR MERGER of municipal police <--
16 departments in this Commonwealth; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the study include an analysis of the funding

1 of municipal police departments and provide recommendations
2 necessary to improve the manner in which ~~the funding is~~ <--
3 ~~allocated to the~~ municipal police departments ARE FUNDED <--
4 throughout this Commonwealth; and be it further
5 RESOLVED, THAT THE STUDY INCLUDE AN EXPLORATION OF ADDITIONAL <--
6 WAYS IN WHICH MUNICIPALITIES CAN DETERMINE AND SHARE THE COSTS
7 OF POLICE SERVICES, SUCH AS PURCHASING SERVICES IN THIS
8 COMMONWEALTH; AND BE IT FURTHER
9 RESOLVED, THAT THE STUDY INCLUDE AN ANALYSIS OF ANY POTENTIAL
10 SAVINGS THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE CONSOLIDATION OR MERGER OF
11 MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS OR OTHERWISE SHARING POLICE
12 SERVICES, SUCH AS PURCHASING SERVICES IN THIS COMMONWEALTH; AND
13 BE IT FURTHER
14 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
15 provide ~~recommendations concerning the~~ SUGGESTED GUIDELINES TO <--
16 ASSIST MUNICIPALITIES WITH A MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENT TO
17 IDENTIFY THOSE municipal police departments best suited for
18 consolidation or merger; and be it further
19 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
20 ~~submit the report to the chairman and minority chairman of the~~ <--
21 ~~Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives by December~~
22 ~~30, 2013.~~ PREPARE A REPORT WITH ITS ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS <--
23 AND TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE REPORT TO THE CHAIRMAN, MINORITY
24 CHAIRMAN AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF
25 THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE ADOPTION OF
26 THIS RESOLUTION.