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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AN ACT

1 Providing for Select Committee on Institutions of Purely Public  
2 Charity, for establishment of committee, for responsibility  
3 of committee, for composition of committee, for determination  
4 and recommendations, for hearings and for findings.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Short title of act.

8 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Select  
9 Committee on Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act.

10 Section 2. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

14 "Committee." The Select Committee on Institutions of Purely  
15 Public Charity established under section 3.

16 Section 3. Establishment of committee.

17 The Select Committee on Institutions of Purely Public Charity  
18 is established.

1 Section 4. Duties of committee.

2 The committee shall:

3 (1) Collect input from stakeholders across this  
4 Commonwealth.

5 (2) Review the impact of public charities on local  
6 government.

7 (3) Study the economic impact of purely public charities  
8 and the services purely public charities provide to citizens  
9 of this Commonwealth.

10 Section 5. Composition of committee.

11 The committee shall consist of:

12 (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the President  
13 pro tempore of the Senate and one member appointed by the  
14 Minority Leader of the Senate.

15 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives  
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and  
17 one member appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
18 Representatives.

19 (3) The chairman and minority chairman of the Finance  
20 Committee of the Senate and the chairman and minority  
21 chairman of the Finance Committee of the House of  
22 Representatives.

23 (4) The chairman and minority chairman of the Local  
24 Government Committee of the Senate and the chairman and  
25 minority chairman of the Local Government Committee of the  
26 House of Representatives.

27 (5) The Secretary of Revenue.

28 Section 6. Hearings.

29 The committee shall conduct hearings in various geographic  
30 areas across this Commonwealth and work with nonprofits, elected

1 officials, tax experts, public safety organizations and other  
2 stakeholders to determine if legislation is needed.

3 Section 7. Determination and recommendations.

4 The committee shall determine whether legislation is required  
5 to achieve the appropriate balance between the cost of services  
6 provided by local governments and the protection of our public  
7 charities. If the committee determines legislation is necessary,  
8 the committee shall develop recommendations for the legislation.

9 Section 8. Findings.

10 The committee shall have six months to develop and report its  
11 findings.

12 Section 9. Effective date.

13 This act shall take effect in 60 days.