

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY RICHARDSON, BARBER, DUMAS, OLIVER, HARPER,
IRVIS AND MANDERINO, MAY 1, 1979

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In the House of Representatives, May 1, 1979

1 WHEREAS, Recent statistics show that Commonwealth of
2 Pennsylvania departments and agencies have made little progress
3 in realizing affirmative action goals in hiring and promoting
4 women and minorities. Additionally, some Commonwealth
5 departments and agencies have been uncooperative in complying
6 with equal opportunity laws in the purchase of services; and

7 WHEREAS, The figures for some Commonwealth departments show
8 an incredible resistance to abandoning discriminatory hiring
9 practices, others show lackluster recruitment of minority and
10 female applicants; and

11 WHEREAS, In falling short of its responsibilities, State
12 government is setting a poor example for local governments and
13 private employers who have been less than diligent in
14 implementing affirmative action programs. Indeed, Pennsylvania's
15 record in pursuing affirmative action goals in State hiring and
16 purchase of services is intolerable and should be closely
17 scrutinized by the General Assembly; therefore be it

1 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That there be created a
2 special committee of the General Assembly to consist of five
3 members of the House and five members of the Senate, to be
4 appointed in the same manner as standing committees of the House
5 and Senate are appointed, to function during the 1979 Regular
6 Session of the General Assembly and until December 31, 1979, to
7 monitor and investigate the affirmative action programs of State
8 departments and agencies, including the activities of the State
9 Civil Service Commission; to look into the State's compliance
10 with equal opportunity laws in the purchase of services, and to
11 report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly
12 by December 31, 1979; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the committee may employ such consultants,
14 aides, and assistants as it deems necessary to conduct its
15 study; the committee may call upon the Joint State Government
16 Commission for such services and assistance as it deems
17 necessary and may request information and assistance from State
18 departments and agencies; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the members of the committee shall serve
20 without compensation, but shall be entitled to actual and
21 necessary travel and other expenses incurred in the performance
22 of official duties, the expenses of the members of the House to
23 be paid from the appropriations to the House of Representatives
24 and the expenses of the members of the Senate to be paid from
25 the appropriations to the Senate.