

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Local Government Commission to determine the  
2 feasibility of implementing a centralized records system on a  
3 county level.

4 WHEREAS, Statistics have shown that crime in this  
5 Commonwealth from the period 1973 to 1993 increased 27%; and

6 WHEREAS, Violent crimes during that same period increased  
7 52%; and

8 WHEREAS, This Commonwealth has 1,205 local police departments  
9 across the State; and

10 WHEREAS, The number of full-time police officers over that  
11 two-decade span decreased by 1,361; and

12 WHEREAS, Local governments have struggled to continue to fund  
13 police services for their communities and often have to reduce  
14 or eliminate altogether funding for other local programs; and

15 WHEREAS, The strained finances of municipal governments  
16 combined with a lack of assistance from State government has  
17 left most local police forces lacking many of the resources that

1 would be beneficial in their fight against crime; and

2 WHEREAS, The ability of local police to access information  
3 available to them in an expeditious manner is vital to their  
4 crime-fighting efforts; and

5 WHEREAS, Computerized central records repositories would  
6 prove to be an invaluable asset for police; and

7 WHEREAS, County sheriffs' departments presently have access  
8 to databases such as the National Crime Information Center and  
9 the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network; therefore  
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Local  
12 Government Commission to undertake a study to determine the  
13 feasibility and cost of developing and implementing a  
14 computerized central records repository in each of the county  
15 sheriff's departments to which local police departments would  
16 have access.