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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY VULAKOVICH, ALLOWAY, BARTOLOTTA, MENSCH, PILEGGI,  
RAFFERTY, SMUCKER, STEFANO, TEPLITZ, VOGEL AND WARD,  
JUNE 1, 2015

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REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, JUNE 1, 2015

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study  
2 Commonwealth expenditures for salaries and other compensation  
3 and benefits of members of State boards and commissions.

4 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth has enacted a multiplicity of  
5 statutes that establish a wide variety of independent,  
6 departmental and advisory boards and commissions; and

7 WHEREAS, These boards and commissions play a significant role  
8 in the administration of State programs and services in the  
9 areas of transportation, public health, public assistance,  
10 education, natural resources, labor, law enforcement,  
11 agriculture, commerce and revenue; and

12 WHEREAS, Responsible government requires an examination of  
13 such boards and commissions to determine if board and commission  
14 members' salaries and other compensation and benefits are unduly  
15 costly or provide minimal value in relation to cost for the  
16 taxpayers of this Commonwealth, particularly in light of current  
17 economic conditions and budgetary constraints; and

18 WHEREAS, A calculation of the costs borne by the Commonwealth

1 for the salaries and other compensation and benefits for board  
2 and commission members is essential for the purposes of  
3 identifying excessive costs, inconsistencies in compensation  
4 policies and procedures and cost variations among the various  
5 boards and commissions; therefore be it

6       RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and  
7 Finance Committee to conduct a study of the Commonwealth's  
8 independent administrative boards and commissions, departmental  
9 boards and commissions and advisory boards and commissions,  
10 under 71 Pa.C.S. § 5301(a)(5), (6) and (7), to determine the  
11 amounts expended by the Commonwealth for salaries and other  
12 compensation and benefits for the members of the boards and  
13 commissions; and be it further

14       RESOLVED, That the study shall include a comprehensive  
15 listing of Commonwealth expenditures during the previous five  
16 years for salaries and other compensation, including expense  
17 reimbursements, benefits and retirement benefits of members of  
18 the boards and commissions; and be it further

19       RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
20 report its findings to the Senate within six months of the  
21 adoption of this resolution.