
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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TEPLITZ, VOGEL, WARD AND YUDICHAK, OCTOBER 21, 2015

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, OCTOBER 21, 2015

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to complete a
2 comprehensive review and study of the best practices used by
3 private businesses and other public entities in the leasing,
4 acquisition and management of office, warehouse and other
5 types of space and to issue a report.

6 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth leases more than 7 million square
7 feet of office, warehouse and other assorted space throughout
8 this Commonwealth's 67 counties; and

9 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth currently pays approximately \$124
10 million annually for the space it leases; and

11 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth owns more than 9 million square
12 feet of office space in 66 counties in this Commonwealth; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of General Services (DGS) has the
14 responsibility and broad oversight for the maintenance and
15 upkeep of State-owned facilities, leasing of additional office
16 space and parking and the assignment of office space at owned
17 and leased facilities; and

18 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Real Estate within DGS serves as the
19 Commonwealth's real estate agent, buying and selling property,

1 as well as leasing additional space from public and private
2 sector entities; and

3 WHEREAS, The bureau manages the process through which State
4 agencies lease additional office space, Pennsylvania Liquor
5 Stores, warehouse space and other types of space; and

6 WHEREAS, DGS is responsible for the management of space
7 within the Capitol Complex buildings and those buildings
8 designated as State office buildings; and

9 WHEREAS, Given the significant cost leased spaces impose on
10 the Commonwealth, it is incumbent on DGS that best practices be
11 used in the acquisition and management of such space; and

12 WHEREAS, A primary responsibility of DGS is to ensure that
13 all Commonwealth owned and leased space is being fully and
14 economically used by the tenant agencies; and

15 WHEREAS, Multitudes of private and public sector entities
16 lease and manage space throughout the United States; therefore
17 be it

18 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Joint State Government
19 Commission to complete a comprehensive review and study of the
20 best practices used by private businesses and other public
21 entities in the leasing, acquisition and management of office,
22 warehouse and other types of space; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the study include a review of the
24 Commonwealth's current management practices, rules, regulations
25 and laws impacting the leasing, acquisition and management of
26 such space; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission consult
28 with the Department of General Services in conducting the study
29 and preparing the report; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a

1 report to the Senate by November 30, 2016, with any
2 recommendations for best practices and include suggestions to
3 change or update the current practices, rules, regulations and
4 laws of the Commonwealth to help ensure the comprehensive and
5 economic use of all facilities and the elimination of
6 unnecessary or inefficiently used space to enable DGS to promote
7 a more efficient management of space and lower annual
8 maintenance and operating costs.