A RESOLUTION

1 Establishing, authorizing and empowering the Select Committee on
2 Restoring Law and Order to investigate, review and make
3 findings and recommendations concerning rising rates of
4 crime, law enforcement and the enforcement of crime victim
5 rights.
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7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish,
8 authorize and empower the Select Committee on Restoring Law and
9 Order to investigate, review and make findings and
10 recommendations concerning:
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12 (1) The rising rates of crime, including, but not
13 limited to, the enforcement and prosecution of violent crime
14 and offenses involving the illegal possession of firearms, in
15 the City of Philadelphia.
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17 (2) The use of public funds intended for the purpose of
18 enforcing the criminal law and prosecuting crime in the City
19 of Philadelphia.
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21 (3) The enforcement of crime victim rights, including,
22 but not limited to, those rights afforded to crime victims by
23 statute or court rule, in the City of Philadelphia.
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25 (4) The use of public funds intended for the purpose of
benefiting crime victims, including, but not limited to, crime victim compensation and crime victim services, in the City of Philadelphia;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the findings and recommendations of the select committee may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

(1) Determinations regarding the performance of public officials empowered to enforce the law in the City of Philadelphia, including the district attorney, and recommendations for removal from office or other appropriate discipline, including impeachment.

(2) Legislation or other legislative action relating to policing, prosecution, sentencing and any other aspect of law enforcement.

(3) Legislation or other legislative action relating to ensuring the protection, enforcement and delivery of appropriate services and compensation to crime victims.

(4) Legislation or other legislative action relating to ensuring the appropriate expenditure of public funds intended for the purpose of law enforcement, prosecutions or to benefit crime victims.

(5) Other legislative action as the select committee finds necessary to ensure appropriate enforcement of law and order in the City of Philadelphia;

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the select committee consist of five members of the House of Representatives, including three members from the majority party of the House of Representatives and two members from the minority party of the House of Representatives;
and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoint the chair of the select committee from among the members of the select committee; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the chair of the select committee, on behalf of the select committee, be authorized and empowered to do all of the following:

(1) send for individuals and papers and subpoena witnesses, documents, including electronically stored information, and any other materials under the hand and seal of the chair;
(2) administer oaths to witnesses;
(3) take testimony;
(4) conduct interviews, take statements and any other investigative steps as determined by the chair;
(5) prepare and file pleadings and other legal documents; and
(6) employ counsel and staff for the use of the chair or the select committee;

and be it further
RESOLVED, That the Sergeant-at-Arms or a deputy, or other competent adult authorized by the chair, serve the process and execute the order of the select committee; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the select committee be authorized to sit during the sessions of the House of Representatives; and be it further
RESOLVED, That the expenses of the select committee investigation be paid by the Chief Clerk from appropriation accounts under the Chief Clerk's exclusive control and jurisdiction upon a written request approved by the Speaker of
the House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives or the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing assist the select committee to the extent requested by the chair of the select committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives assist the select committee to the extent requested by the chair of the select committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the select committee submit a final report to the House of Representatives with its findings and recommendations, which shall be made available to the public.