
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, MICHLOVIC, LEVDANSKY, McNALLY, PESCI,
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COWELL, PISTELLA, PRESTON AND ITKIN, FEBRUARY 12, 1991

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 12, 1991

A RESOLUTION

1 Providing for the appointment of a select committee to
2 investigate nonprofit industrial development corporations and
3 to make recommendations for legislation.

4 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority
5 Act of 1956 was passed to alleviate areas of critical
6 unemployment in this Commonwealth by promoting the development
7 of industrial enterprises by the expenditure of public money;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Redevelopment Area Economic Cooperation and
10 Implementation Act of 1961 was passed to implement the Federal
11 Economic Assistance Program and the expenditure of Federal
12 moneys in the same manner; and

13 WHEREAS, Actions by nonprofit corporations formed as
14 industrial development agencies under the authority of the
15 Industrial Development Authority Act fail to coordinate or take
16 into account regional economic planning goals; and

17 WHEREAS, Actions by nonprofit industrial development agency

1 corporations often result in drawing economic initiative away
2 from urban and disadvantaged areas; and

3 WHEREAS, Actions by nonprofit industrial development agency
4 corporations may fulfill their mission by drawing industry to
5 critical economic areas at the expense of other critical
6 economic areas; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Speaker of the House of Representatives
8 appoint a select committee of seven House members, four from the
9 majority party and three from the minority party, to investigate
10 regional decisions by nonprofit industrial development
11 corporations. The select committee shall study the problem and
12 make a determination as to what legislation, if any, would be
13 appropriate to curtail these actions; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
15 testimony and make its investigations at such places as it deems
16 necessary in this Commonwealth. Each member of the committee
17 shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations to
18 witnesses appearing before the committee; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the expenses incurred by the committee in
20 carrying out its responsibilities, including, but not limited
21 to, per diem and travel expenses incurred by members and regular
22 staff, stenographic charges and other incidental expenses, shall
23 be paid from appropriate accounts under the control of the Chief
24 Clerk; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the committee shall report to the House of
26 Representatives on its activities, findings and recommendations
27 by December 31, 1991, and shall issue interim reports to the
28 House of Representatives as the committee deems necessary.