

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY MURPHY, MICHLOVIC, LEVDANSKY, McNALLY, PESCI,  
MELIO, GIGLIOTTI, KAISER, PETRONE, FAJT, VAN HORNE, DALEY,  
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COWELL, PISTELLA, PRESTON AND ITKIN, FEBRUARY 12, 1991

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
AS AMENDED, MARCH 18, 1991

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## 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~~, OCTOBER 7, 1991, and shall issue interim reports <—  
28 to the House of Representatives as the committee deems  
29 necessary.