

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 367 Session of
2008

INTRODUCED BY KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, STACK, WASHINGTON, LOGAN,
ERICKSON, FONTANA, O'PAKE, TOMLINSON, COSTA, C. WILLIAMS AND
KASUNIC, AUGUST 4, 2008

REFERRED TO JUDICIARY, AUGUST 4, 2008

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to study
2 the Statewide complement of probation and parole officers.

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole
4 focuses available resources to promote community stability and
5 reduce recidivism in this Commonwealth; and

6 WHEREAS, Effective supervision under the Pennsylvania Board
7 of Probation and Parole includes appropriate agent-to-offender
8 ratios in our counties; and

9 WHEREAS, According to Federal standards and recommendations
10 of the American Probation and Parole Association, the agent-to-
11 offender ratio for moderate to high-risk offenders should not
12 exceed 1 to 50; and

13 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole
14 Statewide agent-to-offender ratio is now holding at 1 to 66; and

15 WHEREAS, The probation and parole agent-to-offender ratio in
16 Philadelphia has reached 1 to 148; therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate direct the Legislative Budget and

1 Finance Committee to study and report on the Statewide
2 complement of probation and parole officers; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
4 identify relevant inequities in funding distribution, caseload
5 assignment, hiring, training and retention, required levels of
6 offender supervision and frequency of contacts; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
9 make a report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate
10 no later than October 31, 2008; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to
12 the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, 1101 South Front
13 Street, Suite 5100, Harrisburg PA 17104-2517.