

## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 367 Session of  
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INTRODUCED BY KITCHEN, TARTAGLIONE, STACK, WASHINGTON, LOGAN,  
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KASUNIC AND EARLL, AUGUST 4, 2008

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SENATOR GREENLEAF, JUDICIARY, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

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## 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~~ 2009; 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.