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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to  
2 conduct a study of the Capitol Police, House of  
3 Representatives and Senate security forces in this  
4 Commonwealth and research and evaluate how funding and  
5 resources are allocated for these police forces.

6 WHEREAS, The Capitol Police have been a fully accredited law  
7 enforcement agency since 2005, and currently consists of 96  
8 officers and staff members including bicycle and foot patrolmen  
9 and K-9 officers that serve the Harrisburg, Pittsburgh,  
10 Philadelphia and Scranton government areas; and

11 WHEREAS, Both the Senate and House of Representatives also  
12 have their own uniformed security forces, numbering 15 officers  
13 and 27 officers respectively; and

14 WHEREAS, All three of the Senate and House of Representatives  
15 security forces and Capitol Police do a wonderful job of serving  
16 and protecting the workers and visitors of the State Capitol and  
17 other government buildings; and

18 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth is facing an unprecedented fiscal  
19 crisis that requires all departments of State government to look

1 anew at avenues of potential reduction in expenditures; and

2 WHEREAS, One potential way to reduce costs is to consolidate  
3 or merge the Senate and House of Representatives security forces  
4 and the Capitol Police; therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
6 conduct a study of this Commonwealth's Capitol Police, the House  
7 of Representatives and the Senate security forces, measuring  
8 funding and resources allocated to these forces; and be it  
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That the study should include an analysis of the  
11 current funding; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
13 provide recommendations necessary or desirable to improve the  
14 funding and reduce redundancy of this Commonwealth's valued  
15 House of Representatives and Senate security forces and the  
16 Capitol Police; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee  
18 report to the House of Representatives the result of its study  
19 and recommendations regarding the status of funding of the  
20 Capitol Police and House of Representatives and Senate security  
21 forces and file the report with the Chief Clerk of the House of  
22 Representatives no later than 90 days after adoption of this  
23 resolution.