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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY DENLINGER, CALTAGIRONE, D. COSTA, MILLARD,  
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AUMENT, CLYMER, HESS, GRELL, FLECK, QUINN, MURT, EVANKOVICH,  
MILNE AND GIBBONS, MARCH 20, 2013

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, MARCH 20, 2013

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Creating a commission composed of public and private cost-minded  
2 leaders of this Commonwealth to study the management of  
3 current government operations and make recommendations  
4 regarding the merger and consolidation of certain government  
5 operations.

6 WHEREAS, The economic health of this Commonwealth is a top  
7 priority; and

8 WHEREAS, The tax burden on this Commonwealth's citizens and  
9 businesses resulting from the cost of government operations and  
10 administration can have a significant impact on the economic  
11 health of this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, State government has an obligation to be fiscally  
13 responsible and to limit the tax burden it imposes; and

14 WHEREAS, Ten cents of every public dollar spent is committed  
15 to general government operations; and

16 WHEREAS, An organized bipartisan effort is necessary to  
17 determine ways in which State government can be made more  
18 effective and more efficient; therefore be it

1       RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the General Assembly  
2 create a government management and cost study commission  
3 composed of leaders from the public and private sectors to study  
4 Commonwealth government operations and the experience of other  
5 states in an effort to propose changes that will reduce costs,  
6 increase accountability and improve service; and be it further

7       RESOLVED, That the commission make recommendations regarding  
8 the merger and consolidation of operations in executive agencies  
9 and legislative agencies; and be it further

10       RESOLVED, That the commission be comprised of ten members as  
11 follows:

12           (1) Two members to be appointed by the Governor, with  
13 one of the appointments being a member of the general public.

14           (2) Two members to be appointed by the Majority Leader  
15 of the Senate and two members to be appointed by the Minority  
16 Leader of the Senate, with no more than one appointment from  
17 each authority being a government official or employee.

18           (3) Two members to be appointed by the Majority Leader  
19 of the House of Representatives and two members to be  
20 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
21 Representatives, with no more than one appointment from each  
22 authority being a government official or employee;

23 and be it further

24       RESOLVED, That these appointments be made within 30 days of  
25 the adoption of this resolution; and be it further

26       RESOLVED, That the commission make a report of its findings  
27 and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly no  
28 later than November 30, 2013, at which time the commission shall  
29 cease to exist; and be it further

30       RESOLVED, That the chairman rely on the existing staff of the

1 appointing authorities and the Appropriations Committee of the  
2 Senate and the Appropriations Committee of the House of  
3 Representatives to the greatest extent possible; and be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That necessary and reasonable costs and  
6 expenditures of the commission be authorized to be paid from  
7 funds already appropriated by the General Assembly to the Office  
8 of the Budget and the Office of Administration; and be it  
9 further

10       RESOLVED, That the commission comply with all the duties and  
11 responsibilities of an agency under 65 Pa.C.S. Ch. 7 (relating  
12 to open meetings).