

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 9

Session of  
2021

INTRODUCED BY GROVE, ROTHMAN, LEWIS, GLEIM, KEEFER, MOUL AND  
SANKEY, JANUARY 11, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JANUARY 11, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Adopting permanent rules for the House of Representatives,  
2 further providing for spending limitations on general  
3 appropriation bills, supplemental appropriation bills and  
4 non-preferred appropriation bills.

5 RESOLVED, That the Permanent Rules of the House of  
6 Representatives (2019-2020) be adopted as the Permanent Rules of  
7 the House of Representatives for the 2021-2022 session of the  
8 House of Representatives with the following amendments to the  
9 heading and adding Rule 19(c):

10 [2019-2020] 2021-2022

11 GENERAL OPERATING RULES

12 OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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14 RULE 19(C)

15 SPENDING LIMITATIONS ON GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILLS,  
16 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION BILLS AND NON-PREFERRED APPROPRIATION  
17 BILLS

18 This rule shall apply to all General Appropriation Bills for  
19 each proposed fiscal year, including any amendments offered to

1 or for supplemental appropriations to prior fiscal years  
2 contained within the General Appropriation Bill and shall also  
3 apply to any non-preferred appropriation bill for the same  
4 fiscal year. The House of Representatives shall not vote on  
5 final passage or concurrence bills which exceed the Taxpayers  
6 Bill of Rights (TABOR) limits on total Commonwealth expenditures  
7 of its constitutional operating budget. TABOR shall be  
8 calculated by the House Appropriations Committees as total  
9 spending by the Commonwealth that does not exceed the spending  
10 limit in any fiscal year. The spending limit for any fiscal year  
11 shall be equal to the spending during the immediately prior  
12 fiscal year, adjusted by the sum of:

13       (1) The average of the percentage change in the annual  
14 United States Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
15 (CPI-U), as reported by the United States Department of  
16 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for each of the  
17 immediately preceding three calendar years.

18       (2) The average of the percentage change in the resident  
19 population in this Commonwealth, as reported by the United  
20 States Census Bureau for July 1 of each year, for the  
21 immediately preceding three calendar years.

22 The House Appropriations Committee shall certify bills as  
23 TABOR compliant prior to their final passage or concurrence.  
24 Any bill which is not certified as TABOR compliant shall not be  
25 voted on final passage or concurrence in the House of  
26 Representatives.