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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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CAPPELLETTI AND COSTA, JUNE 24, 2021

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, JUNE 24, 2021

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A RESOLUTION

1 Amending the Rules of the Senate, further providing for  
2 committees.

3 RESOLVED, That Senate Rule 14(d) be amended to read:

4 Rule 14. Committees.

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6 (d) Powers and responsibilities.--Standing committees are  
7 authorized:

8 (1) To maintain a continuous review of the work of the  
9 Commonwealth agencies concerned with their subject areas and  
10 the performance of the functions of government within each  
11 such subject area, and for this purpose to request reports  
12 from time to time, in such form as the standing committee  
13 shall designate, concerning the operation of any Commonwealth  
14 agency and presenting any proposal or recommendation such  
15 agency may have with regard to existing laws or proposed  
16 legislation in its subject area. The standing committee is  
17 authorized to require public officials and employees and  
18 private individuals to appear before the standing committee

1 for the purpose of submitting information to it.

2 (2) In order to carry out its duties, each standing  
3 committee is empowered with the right and authority to  
4 inspect and investigate the books, records, papers,  
5 documents, data, operation and physical plant of any public  
6 agency in this Commonwealth.

7 (3) In order to carry out its duties, each standing  
8 committee or special committee appointed under Rule 5(a)(2)  
9 may issue subpoenas, subpoenas duces tecum and other  
10 necessary process to compel the attendance of witnesses and  
11 the production of any books, letters or other documentary  
12 evidence desired by the committee. The chair may administer  
13 oaths and affirmations in the manner prescribed by law to  
14 witnesses who shall appear before the committee to testify.

15 (4) Each resolution referred to a standing committee  
16 shall be considered by the standing committee upon its merits  
17 and acted upon by the standing committee at a scheduled  
18 meeting.

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