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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Rep. Joseph Preston, Jr.
RE: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Bureau of Investigation
DATE: November 18, 2011

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation creating the Pennsylvania Bureau of Investigation (or PBI). This new law enforcement agency would take the criminal investigation units of both the Pennsylvania State Police and the criminal investigation bureau of the Attorney General and combine them into one agency.

The PBI, which is modeled after the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, would be an independent, state-wide agency that would provide assistance to the Commonwealth's criminal justice system as well as support to municipal law enforcement when requested.

Currently, Pennsylvania has Bureau(s) of Criminal Investigation housed under the PA State Police as well as an Investigative Unit housed under the elected Office of Attorney General. This seems duplicative and the tax-payers would be better served by one combined agency from a fiscal and efficiency point of view.

If you wish to co-sponsor this resolution, please call my Harrisburg Office at 717-783-1017 or email Wendy Shearer at wshearer@pahouse.net.