
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY BURNS, PYLES, ROGERS, DAVIES, GALLAGHER
AND J. L. WRIGHT, Jr., FEBRUARY 6, 1979

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 7, 1979

In the House of Representatives, February 6, 1979

1 WHEREAS, Emergency medical services for the members, staff
2 and employees of the Capitol Complex, visitors, thereto and
3 general public have not been systematized; and

4 WHEREAS, There is little, if any, medical data maintained on
5 the members and personnel within these buildings; and

6 WHEREAS, There is currently insufficient emergency medical
7 equipment available for House use; and

8 WHEREAS, No emergency medical procedures have been
9 established to respond to emergency situations or to coordinate
10 internal response with outside emergency assistance; and

11 WHEREAS, Members, employees, visitors and the general public
12 at large loss time from employment due to recreational, physical
13 training and athletic trauma; and

14 WHEREAS, There has been a marked upsurge in violence and
15 terrorism directed at public officials and buildings, along with
16 a serious increase in the theft and vandalism of government
17 property; and

1 WHEREAS, The matter of fire prevention and general safety of
2 our citizens has not received the concern which should have been
3 afforded to them by this Commonwealth; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED (the Senate concurring), That the President pro
5 tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate and the Speaker of the House
6 of Representatives shall each appoint three members, two from
7 the Majority Party and one from the Minority Party, who shall
8 constitute a joint bipartisan committee to study and investigate
9 emergency medical treatment services and procedures, to prepare
10 plans and systems to improve emergency medical care, to examine
11 the prevention of athletic and recreational trauma, and the
12 results of said findings shall operate as a model for all State
13 facilities and to study and investigate fire prevention, trauma
14 and trauma prevention, security against theft, vandalism and
15 violence against public officials and buildings and the general
16 safety of our citizens; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the committee may hold hearings, take
18 testimony, and make its investigations at such places as it
19 deems necessary within this Commonwealth. It may issue subpoenas
20 under the hand and seal of its chairman commanding any person to
21 appear before it and to answer questions touching matters
22 properly being inquired into by the committee and to produce
23 such books, papers, records and documents as the committee deems
24 necessary. Such subpoenas may be served upon any person and
25 shall have the force and effect of subpoenas issued out of the
26 courts of this Commonwealth. Any person who willfully neglects
27 or refuses to testify before the committee or to produce any
28 books, papers, records or documents, shall be subject to the
29 penalties provided by the laws of the Commonwealth in such case.
30 Each member of the committee shall have power to administer

1 oaths and affirmations to witnesses appearing before the
2 committee; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That within 30 calendar days after the committee
4 has made its report, the chairman of the committee shall cause a
5 record of all expenses incurred by the committee, or the members
6 thereof, which are payable at Commonwealth expense, to be filed
7 with the President pro tempore and the Speaker of the House and
8 the President pro tempore and the Speaker shall cause the same
9 to be entered in the journals thereof. No expenses incurred by
10 the committee or any member thereof shall be reimbursable by the
11 Secretary of the Senate or the Chief Clerk unless such expense
12 shall first have been included as an expense item in the record
13 heretofore required; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the committee make a report of its findings
15 and recommendations to the General Assembly as soon as possible.