

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 3, 1982

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AN ACT

1 Creating a commission to study the feasibility of a transfer of  
2 the powers and duties of the Southeastern Pennsylvania  
3 Transportation Authority to the Pennsylvania Department of  
4 Transportation.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Legislative intent.

8 It is the policy of this Commonwealth to help promote an  
9 efficient commuter rail system and improve transportation. In  
10 the interests of the citizens within this Commonwealth, it is  
11 the intent of the General Assembly to promote the health,  
12 safety, convenience and welfare through effective and  
13 coordinated commuter rail systems.

14 Section 2. Creation of a commission.

15 A legislative commission is hereby created to study and make  
16 recommendations pertaining to the feasibility of a transfer of  
17 the powers and duties of the Southeastern Pennsylvania  
18 Transportation Authority to the Pennsylvania Department of

1 Transportation. The commission shall consist of:

2 (1) One member of the majority party in the House of  
3 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker;

4 (2) one member of the minority party in the House of  
5 Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker;

6 (3) one member of the majority party in the Senate to be  
7 appointed by the President pro tempore; and

8 (4) one member of the minority party in the Senate to be  
9 appointed by the President pro tempore.

10 Section 3. Powers and duties.

11 The commission shall have the power and its duty shall be to  
12 perform a study regarding the feasibility of a transfer of the  
13 operation, administration, maintenance and funding of the  
14 commuter rail division of the Southeastern Pennsylvania  
15 Transportation Authority to the Pennsylvania Department of  
16 Transportation. The commission shall submit written reports and  
17 make recommendations, based upon its findings, within six  
18 months.

19 Section 4. Review.

20 The reports and recommendations of the commission shall be  
21 submitted to, and reviewed by the transportation committees of  
22 the House of Representatives and the Senate.

23 Section 5. Effective date.

24 This act shall take effect immediately.