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In the House of Representatives, July 1, 1981

1 WHEREAS, The volume of supplies, services and construction
2 procured by the Commonwealth has increased many times over since
3 the adoption of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175),
4 known as "The Administrative Code of 1929"; and

5 WHEREAS, The amount of public funds from both State and
6 Federal sources, expended for supplies, services and
7 construction procured by the Commonwealth has similarly
8 increased; and

9 WHEREAS, The increased volume of expenditures makes it
10 fundamental that public funds be spent wisely and in accordance
11 with procedures that will protect the public treasury from waste
12 and inefficiency as well as favoritism and corruption; and

13 WHEREAS, After a five-year effort pursuing these objectives,
14 the American Bar Association has developed a Model Procurement
15 Code for State and local governments; and

16 WHEREAS, The Council of State Governments, the United States
17 Conference of Mayors and the National Association of Counties

1 have recommended that their respective members study their own
2 procurement laws in the light of the Model Procurement Code and
3 Regulations with a view towards adapting to their own needs any
4 suitable legislative or regulatory material found therein; and

5 WHEREAS, The states, cities and counties which have conducted
6 studies have benefitted substantially as a result of those
7 studies; and

8 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania could benefit by
9 the availability of the Model Procurement Code and Regulations
10 as a basis for improvement of Commonwealth procurement laws,
11 policies and procedures to achieve their objectives; therefore
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission be
14 directed to appoint a task force to conduct, in conjunction with
15 the Executive Branch and professional organizations, a study of
16 the Commonwealth's procurement laws, policies, procedures and
17 compare them to the Model Procurement Code and Regulations with
18 the objective of identifying all desirable present laws,
19 policies and procedures and simultaneously identifying those
20 portions of the Model Procurement Code and Regulations which
21 would be beneficial and which are adaptable to the needs of the
22 Commonwealth; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission shall
24 report the findings of its task force along with recommended
25 legislation to the General Assembly as soon as possible.