

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

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AS RE-REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON RULES, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 6, 1993

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Joint State Government Commission to study on an  
2 ongoing basis legislative proposals involving CERTAIN AREAS ←  
3 OF domestic relations law and creating a task force.

4 WHEREAS, Numerous legislative proposals are from time to time  
5 before the General Assembly which would amend Title 23 (Domestic  
6 Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes; and

7 WHEREAS, Many other issues, not in legislative form, relating  
8 to CERTAIN AREAS OF domestic relations law have come to the ←  
9 attention of the General Assembly; and

10 WHEREAS, These proposals and issues raise significant  
11 substantive and technical concerns regarding THESE CERTAIN AREAS ←  
12 OF domestic relations law; and

13 WHEREAS, Since Pennsylvania's domestic relations laws  
14 recently have been consolidated in Title 23 (Domestic Relations)  
15 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as the Domestic  
16 Relations Code, there is a need for a more coordinated review of  
17 any CERTAIN proposed amendments in order to maintain the ←

1 systemic integrity of the Domestic Relations Code; and

2 WHEREAS, The various issues before the General Assembly  
3 require a bicameral and bipartisan review and response;  
4 therefore be it

5 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That the  
6 General Assembly direct the Joint State Government Commission to  
7 undertake an ongoing ~~study of the various issues~~ LIMITED STUDY <—  
8 OF CERTAIN AREAS relating to domestic relations law, EXCEPT THAT <—  
9 THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION SHALL NOT HAVE POWER UNDER  
10 THIS RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE OR STUDY AREAS OF DOMESTIC  
11 RELATIONS LAW RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE AND ADOPTION; and be it  
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That to accomplish this goal, a task force be  
14 created comprised of the majority chairman of the Judiciary  
15 Committee of the Senate and the majority chairman of the  
16 Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives, who shall  
17 alternate chairmanship of the task force, the minority chairman  
18 of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, the majority and  
19 minority chairmen of the Aging and Youth Committee of the  
20 Senate, the minority chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the  
21 House of Representatives and the majority and minority chairmen  
22 of the Aging and Youth Committee of the House of  
23 Representatives; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an advisory committee be created to assist the  
25 task force composed of individuals deemed appropriate by the  
26 task force; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the task force shall, from time to time,  
28 present its findings and recommended legislation to the General  
29 Assembly.