

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY WAUGH, GORDNER, ARMSTRONG, TIGUE, DeLUCA, STERN,
BATTISTO, LYNCH, MAITLAND, WALKO, FLEAGLE, ROSS, SATHER,
ARGALL, MASLAND, PLATTS AND HALUSKA, JUNE 2, 1997

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, JUNE 2, 1997

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a performance audit of the Emergency Medical Services
3 Operating Fund.

4 WHEREAS, Act 45 of 1985 created the Emergency Medical
5 Services Operating Fund to provide support to the development of
6 the emergency medical services system, specifically for the
7 "initiation, expansion, maintenance and improvement of emergency
8 medical services, including ambulance and communications
9 equipment and for training, education and ambulance licensure
10 purposes"; and

11 WHEREAS, The Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund
12 receives moneys collected through moving traffic violation fines
13 and the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition fees which
14 generate approximately \$12 million annually, 25% of which funds
15 the Catastrophic Medical and Rehabilitation Fund; and

16 WHEREAS, The Department of Health contracts with 16 private
17 agencies to administer portions of the emergency medical
18 services system at the regional level, including the

1 distribution of funds to providers, administration of training
2 and education programs and inspection of ambulance service
3 units; and

4 WHEREAS, The Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
5 conducted a comprehensive performance audit of the Department of
6 Health's administration of the Emergency Medical Services
7 Operating Fund in 1991 which recommended changes to increase
8 efficiency and performance of the program; and

9 WHEREAS, This audit did not include the administration of the
10 emergency medical services system or the Emergency Medical
11 Services Operating Fund at the regional level; and

12 WHEREAS, The Health and Human Services Committee, pursuant to
13 House Resolution No. 61 of the 1993-1994 session and House
14 Resolution No. 92 of the 1995-1996 session, conducted an
15 investigation of the emergency medical services system; and

16 WHEREAS, The Health and Human Services Committee's final
17 report on the emergency medical services system included a
18 recommendation that a performance audit be conducted for all
19 levels of the emergency medical services system and the
20 Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund; therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
22 conduct a performance audit of the Emergency Medical Services
23 Operating Fund, including State and regional council
24 administration of the fund and the program; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
26 be directed in their investigation by the concerns raised by the
27 Health and Human Services Committee in the final report
28 presented to the House of Representatives November 1996; and be
29 it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee

1 review the recommendations presented in their previous
2 performance audits of the Emergency Medical Services Operating
3 Fund and investigate the implementation of these
4 recommendations; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
6 report to the House of Representatives its activities, findings
7 and recommendations by January 30, 1998.