

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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D. WHITE, AUGUST 10, 2009

REFERRED TO STATE GOVERNMENT, AUGUST 10, 2009

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 Establishing a commission of private and public sector cost-  
2 minded leaders of this Commonwealth to study the management  
3 of current government operations and to make recommendations  
4 of cost-cutting measures.

5 WHEREAS, During this difficult economic recession, the  
6 economic health of this Commonwealth is a top priority; and

7 WHEREAS, The tax burden of this Commonwealth's citizens and  
8 businesses resulting from the cost of government operations and  
9 administration can have a significant impact on the economic  
10 health of the Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, State government has an obligation of fiscal  
12 responsibility and of limiting the tax burden it imposes; and

13 WHEREAS, There should be an organized bipartisan effort to  
14 determine ways in which government can be made more efficient;  
15 therefore be it

16 RESOLVED (the House of Representatives concurring), That a  
17 government management and costs study commission of leaders from  
18 the public and private sectors be established to study

1 Commonwealth government operations and the experience of other  
2 states in an effort to propose changes which will reduce costs;  
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the commission's recommendations include those  
5 which:

6 (1) cut costs;

7 (2) increase efficiency;

8 (3) consolidate like functions;

9 (4) return functions and job creation opportunities to  
10 the private sector; and

11 (5) eliminate functions;

12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the commission be comprised of ten members as  
14 follows:

15 (1) Three members to be appointed by the Majority Leader  
16 of the Senate and two members to be appointed by the Minority  
17 Leader of the Senate, with no more than one appointment from  
18 each authority being a governmental official or employee.

19 (2) Three members to be appointed by the Majority Leader  
20 of the House of Representatives and two members to be  
21 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of  
22 Representatives, with no more than one appointment from each  
23 authority being a governmental official or employee;

24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the commission be charged with electing one of  
26 its members as chairman; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the appointments be made within 30 days of the  
28 approval of this resolution by the Senate and the House of  
29 Representatives; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the commission make a report of its findings

1 and recommendations to the Governor and appointing authorities  
2 by June 30, 2009, at which time the commission shall cease to  
3 exist; and be it further

4       RESOLVED, That the commission rely on the existing staff of  
5 the appointing authorities to the greatest extent possible; and  
6 be it further

7       RESOLVED, That necessary and reasonable costs and  
8 expenditures of the commission be paid from funds already  
9 appropriated to the General Assembly.