

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION**No. 315** Session of
2011

INTRODUCED BY CAUSER, BARRAR, SAINATO, BAKER, CALTAGIRONE,
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PICKETT, QUINN, RAPP, ROCK, SONNEY, STERN, SWANGER, TALLMAN,
THOMAS, VULAKOVICH AND MURT, JUNE 2, 2011

AS AMENDED, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 12, 2012

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee and the
2 Joint State Government Commission to study the financial and
3 administrative effectiveness of the emergency medical
4 services system.

5 WHEREAS, The Emergency Medical Services System Act was
6 enacted as 35 Pa.C.S. Ch. 81 (relating to emergency medical
7 services system) to replace the former act of July 3, 1985
8 (P.L.164, No.45), known as the Emergency Medical Services Act;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The enactment of the Emergency Medical Services
11 System Act was the culmination of years of research and
12 preparation to update the emergency medical services delivery
13 system in this Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, The Emergency Medical Services System Act changed
15 the emergency medical services delivery system from a system
16 based on national standards to a system based on curriculum; and

17 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth should continually assess and

1 revise the statutes and regulations which govern the functions
2 of emergency medical services agencies and providers and other
3 components of the emergency medical services system; and

4 WHEREAS, It is the public policy of the General Assembly to
5 ensure that the emergency medical services system adapts to
6 changing needs of the residents of this Commonwealth and
7 promotes the recruitment and retention of persons willing and
8 qualified to serve as emergency medical services providers in
9 this Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds it to be in the public
11 interest to ensure readily available and coordinated emergency
12 medical services of the highest quality to the citizens of this
13 great Commonwealth; and

14 WHEREAS, There have been many changes in technology and
15 organizational administration since the inception of the former
16 Emergency Medical Services Act, such as the advent of the
17 community college system, online computer courses, national
18 associations and local area programs for emergency medical
19 services training; and

20 WHEREAS, Changes in technology, systems management,
21 infrastructure and communications capabilities allow for the
22 Commonwealth to explore more beneficial approaches for the
23 provision of the highest quality system for the delivery of
24 emergency medical services, training and planning, as well as
25 all-hazard emergency preparedness and disaster response training
26 and planning; and

27 WHEREAS, The approximate \$11,800,000 in annual funding for
28 these emergency medical services under the Emergency Medical
29 Services Operating Fund may be more effectively used under a
30 more streamlined system which uses existing training, planning

1 and infrastructure resources; and

2 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth's Regional Counter-Terrorism Task
3 Force infrastructure is a model for the country and may serve as
4 a model for streamlining the current emergency medical services
5 system in this Commonwealth; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
7 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a
8 performance review of the financial administration of the
9 emergency medical services system under the Emergency Medical
10 Services Operating Fund. The performance review shall include an
11 analysis of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, the
12 Pennsylvania Emergency Health Service Council and the 16
13 regional emergency medical services councils; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission explore
15 enhancing the current system for the delivery of the
16 Commonwealth's emergency medical system through the use of
17 existing government and private sector programs, institutions,
18 facilities and infrastructure resources and nationally
19 recognized associations and organizations and that the
20 commission especially explore the feasibility of using the
21 Commonwealth's many colleges and universities and community
22 colleges, taking into account the availability of online
23 services and courses and the use of adjunct professors; and be
24 it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission examine
26 the possibility of streamlining and restructuring the regional
27 emergency medical services system and examine the feasibility of
28 matching the regional emergency medical services councils to the
29 current regional counter-terrorism zones within this
30 Commonwealth to minimize the duplication of services and

1 overlapping jurisdictions; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee
3 prepare a comprehensive listing of both the expenditures of the
4 Emergency Medical Services Operating Fund and a comprehensive
5 listing of all compensation packages of all employees of the
6 regional emergency medical services councils including the
7 Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That both the committee and commission make
10 recommendations for a more streamlined delivery model based on
11 their findings; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission develop
13 legislation based on their findings; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That both the committee and commission issue a
15 joint report of their findings and recommendations to the Chief
16 Clerk of the House of Representatives by ~~November 30, 2012~~ JUNE ←
17 30, 2013.